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No-Fee Ambulance Service Hopes Fade

By Stan Hall

The future of traditional no-fee to the victim emergency ambulance service is coming down to the wire in the region: is the community willing to save it, or is it a vestige of a time that is passing Carmel Valley by?

Not even the volunteer firemen who think they have the most to gain from saving no-fee emergency ambulances profess to know the answer.

"We must ask the community how they want to pay for it—either individually or collectively," said Carmel Valley Fire volunteer Pat Dowd. He and other volunteers suggested that probably the best way to get an answer is to ask voters to approve yet another benefit assessment to pay for upgraded ambulance service.

Following the dictate of voters in 1988, a new agency should be in place by July 1 to oversee the introduction and use of paramedic-staffed ambulances in the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur region.

Paramedics are highly trained professionals capable of performing what is called Advanced Life Support (ALS), such as administering intravenous drugs. They will replace the volunteer firemen trained in Basic Life Support (BLS) who have staffed the ambulances in the region up to now.

Because the Carmel chapter of the American Red Cross donated three ambulances and area firemen donated their time, "free" service has been a tradition in the region as long has there has been emergency ambulance service.

The principal cost of providing that service—in out-of-pocket, hard cash money—has been about $20,000 a year recently. The Carmel Red Cross—which owns the only three ambulances the Red Cross owns anywhere—footed that bill. (Mid Valley also owns and operates one.)

But under terms of Measure A, approved by more than a 70 percent countywide vote in 1988, the cost of providing emergency ambulance service in the region will rise to nearly $700,000 a year.

Under a county-approved fee schedule, an ambulance run from the Village to Community Hospital will typically cost about $600 when the new system is in place; from Cachagua, it will be over $800 because of the additional mileage—at $8 per mile.

The cost difference basically is in the salaries of paramedics who will be on call, 24 hours a day, 365 days a week at three strategic locations in the region—Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur.

Measure A also provided that an average of $12 per residential parcel would be collected to pay for the upgraded ambulance service. But Measure A only generates some $1 million a year, and almost half of that goes for administrative costs.

A resulting deficit of some $240,000 annually in the Carmel Valley, Carmel, Big Sur region must be made up either by charging victims for emergency ambulance service, or devising alternative ways of paying for it.

The region is made up of fire departments at Carmel, Carmel Valley, Mid Valley, Carmel Highlands, Cachagua, Big Sur and County Service Areas 39 and 43. The County Service Areas, located respectively at Community

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DISPLAYING HIS horsemanship is Tamerlan Nugzanov, head of the Moscow Circus equestrian team, during a visit to Stonepine Inn in the Valley. See page 3 for how glasnost helped make it possible. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

By Regional Park Directors

Cooper Ranch Direction Set

Setting conceptional direction for future use of the 145-acre Cooper Ranch addition to the Valley's Garland Park, Regional Park District directors Monday night:

• Agreed to allow bicyclists to use trails on Cooper Ranch, reversing their decision of two and a half years ago when they banned all bikes from 3,000-acre Garland Park because of conflicts between them and horsemen and hikers.

• Gave the Carmel Valley History Society use of the main room in the Cooper Ranch house for four years—but only after high level lobbying helped overcome stubborn opposition to the plan.

• Endorsed a proposal from Tom Nason to create a a multi-tribal Indian village and museum in the park to emphasize interpretive education of children.

All the board's actions were taken on conceptional proposals and require further refinement and approval. It was not clear how long it would take to implement them, but with new or amended use permits required, at least several months probably will be required.

The proposal to allow bikers back into the park had created the most controversy in the past, but when the votes were being taken, it was the History Society's use of the ranch house that proved most contentious.

Opposition to the Society's plan to use the ranch house greatroom as a museum surfaced clearly at a Board of Directors planning session on the future use of Cooper Ranch March 28. It was led by Robert Griffin, a director from Seaside, and seemed to be supported by the two women on the board, chairwoman Patricia Hutchins and Dina Stansbury.

Over the weekend before the directors' regular meeting Monday night, members of the Society lobbied hard behind the scenes to ensure their proposal survived. The *Sun* learned that Virginia Stanton, a wealthy and influential member of the Society, had called some of the directors and others to seek their support.

At the regular meeting, Dick Heuer, a member of the Society and chairman of the regional water district board, set out four conditions for the Society's use of the room. Each was a direct answer to objections Griffin had raised. They included:

• Use would be limited to no more than four years, at which time the Society hoped to have constructed a new museum building of its own somewhere on the park property.

• Society exhibits in the greatroom would be changed at least quarterly so that frequent visitors would have the chance to see something new.

• The room would be furnished with a small conference table which could be used by the park district staff and other groups.

• The educational displays planned by the Society would be compatible with other uses planned for the park—not parochial, but of interest to visitors from all over the County.

Directors unanimously voted to allow bikes despite receiving a petition from the Carmel Valley Trails Association with

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Election Focuses on Carmel's Cottages; Will Mini-Mansions Take Their Place?

By Isabelle Hall

The little city of Carmel-by-the-Sea, known around the world for its charm, its beautiful setting and its onetime mayor, movie star Clint Eastwood, is at a crossroads: attempt to retain the aura of a village or give in to demands for growth.

The dilemma has been highlighted during a somewhat lackluster campaign in which voters will choose a mayor and two city council members April 10.

Fueled by the prospect of large financial gains, remodelers and builders are buying up the original tiny cottages—many of them neatly set out on 40-foot-wide lots back in the early 1900's—as fast as they can.

Carmel is already one of the richest pieces of real estate in the country. Just one mile square, its commercial section generates about $200 million a year in sales, and its smallest cottages can sell for $400,000-plus. Property taxes produce about $1 million a year.

Visitors, who come to look at the shops and stroll the spectacular beach, incidentally generate about $400,000-a-year in "traffic safety" funds—basically parking ticket revenues—since there is a minimum of parking space available, a vigorous police department, and pressure not to take any more space for parking garages. If they spend the night, they contribute to the $2.5 million annually collected by the hostelry tax.

The election this year is a quiet one compared to 1988 when there were six candidates for mayor and eight for city

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LETTERS

Radar Isn't CVPOA's

I have heard many, many people mistakenly attribute the CHP's use of radar in the Valley to CVPOA (Carmel Valley Property Owners Association), and I would like to present the facts as they occurred in an effort to correct this misconception.

The CVPOA board of directors was initially contacted by a group of members, many of whom reside at Carmel Valley Manor, and was asked to investigate the benefits of radar use. One of the more important functions of CVBPOA is to serve as a public forum for issues which may concern or benefit the community, so the board agreed to sponsor a series of public meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to allow the community to air feelings both pro and con on the matter and to try to determine if there was sufficient interest in radar use in the Valley. In addition, CVPIA polled its membership via survey.

Although the majority of people who responded to both the opinion poll and the public meetings was in favor of radar use, the numbers certainly did not constitute any majority of residents in the Valley, and the CVPOA board agreed only to lend support to the Citizens for Radar group in its efforts in dealing with the CHP. However, the board did not initiate the efforts to bring radar to this valley; nor was one cent of CVPOA money spent in this endeavor. As treasurer, whatever money was erroneously sent to CVPOA to support radar, I forwarded to the Citizens for Radar group.

I personally have no feelings either for or against radar use; I have lived with radar and without it. I am glad CVPOA exists to act as a public forum for such issues, however, and I hope to see more community involvement when future issues arrive. When people don't care enough to speak up about issues, they undoubtedly deserve the results.

Ileene M. Crane-Franks
Treasurer/Coordinator
Carmel Valley Property Owners Assn.

Constructive Criticism

I'm pleased that so many letters are complimenting Anita DeCarlo and her page.

I, too, enjoy her comments. As a painter and teacher, she understands what it takes to make good art and she is able to discuss it wisely and very specifically. Even when she does not like something, she is constructive in her criticism.

She is an excellent critic. I commend you for finding her.

Ronald E. Bean
Carmel Valley

Support Fire Volunteers

A few nights ago I was dining at a local restaurant when an elderly gentleman suffered an attack that appeared life threatening.

Fortunately Lt. Dan Weiss was there having dinner, and he was at the poor man's side immediately. Not only was Lt. Weiss capable, but he was wonderfully reassuring to the victim telling him he was in capable hands and that help was on its way. It is wonderful to see an emergency like this handled in such a caring way and it makes you realize what a wonderful organization the C.V. Fire Volunteers are and how fortunate we are to have them.

I am showing my appreciation by sending a check to the Volunteers, and I am writing to the Sun in hopes that others will do the same.

Blaine McDonough
Carmel

Deadline for next issue Wednesday, April 11

An Amateur Sky Watcher

I wish to subscribe to the Carmel Valley Sun for a year to enjoy your feature on the "nighttime sky." I have been an amateur sky watcher most of my years, starting by almost flunking my astronomy class, freshman year at UCLA. I woefully needed advanced mathematics—nobody told me—so I almost flunked out of school. However, a mathematics refresher course for the Royal Air Force came to my rescue and astronomy is a joy—especially at Del Mesa. The stars are in their glory. It's dark!

Elizabeth Case
Del Mesa, Carmel

Support for Workers

I've been noticing the panic some folks are feeling about the crowd of workers who gather at Kasey's each morning. Several people have commented that they feel 'intimidated,' and don't patronize the store anymore...

Why are you scared? Have these men been acting in an intimidating fashion? Have they made inappropriate comments, or threatened anyone? Have they committed any crime?

Would you be frightened of any group of men gathered together? It must be terrible to feel that you can't travel freely through your own village. You can't patronize one of your own stores and you can't stop and chat in front of Kasey's with a friend.

Why do you think that you have a right to all of these things and these hardworking, family-oriented, honest immigrants don't?

Our community is willing to accept their rents, employ them to work (harder than we care to work), for low wages. But we don't want to acknowledge them as a part of our community.

Ud. no quiere trabajar como ellos pero no quiere permitirlos trabajar. ¿Porque no? Estos hombres no son peligrosos.

I'm sure some of your best friends are Mexicans...If you really have a problem with these fellows waiting for work at Kasey's, then be honest about what that problem is: you're scared. Don't imply, insinuate or suggest some hidden threat.

Or perhaps we should amend the constitution to read: "'The right of the people peacefully to assemble' will be granted but only to those with the proper ethnic heritage."

Pat McAnaney
Carmel Valley

Looking for Work

In response to the letters about the laborers "hanging around" Kasey's, I would like to share a few thoughts and observations as a business neighbor. I am probably more aware than most, as I can look out my window any weekday morning prior to 10 a.m. and see 30-40 men waiting. On my way to buy my first coffee for the day, I walk past most of those men.

Others have expressed their concern to me and I understand their feelings. Yes, they look and even stare at you. They do this to men as well as the ladies. Isn't that strange? It may not be as we think. Have you ever tried to get the attention of a waitperson at a popular restaurant on a busy Friday night? Do you clap your hands, wave your arms, or stand on a chair?

If you are like the majority of people, you probably stare at them and hope to make eye contact. Yes, it can be uncomfortable, but their intent is to get your intention so they can solicit work. Don't they know they probably could earn more standing in a welfare line, or panhandle with cup in hand as you see on most corners in San Francisco today?

What's the solution for Mike Kucher and the neighboring businesses? We can't discriminate. They park their vehicles on public streets. They stand on public sidewalks or roadways. Most are now legally working and living in this country. Could they be encouraged to congregate elsewhere? Could the contractors and homeowners who employ them arrange to pick them up elsewhere, such as in Monterey or Salinas? That's not likely or practical. Maybe the employers could be convinced to pay someone else $15, $20 or $30 an hour instead of $6 or $7 an hour. Could or should we limit the rights of people to congregate or to solicit work? Sorry, the Constitution took care of that a couple of hundred years ago.

I don't expect this letter to change the world or to soothe the insecurities of others. I don't have the answers. I can say I've never seen a disturbance, or heard loud cussing or the blatant solicitation for drugs.

I can tell you what I do when I walk by these people. I look them back in the eye, smile as one human being to another, and say "good morning." Guess What? Most of these people will smile back and say "good morning," or "buenos dias." Those who don't respond are either too surprised or too shy.

John Zelinski
Carmel Valley

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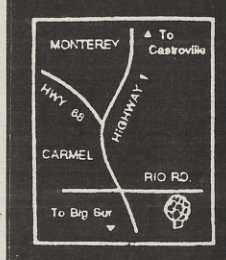

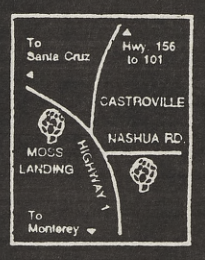

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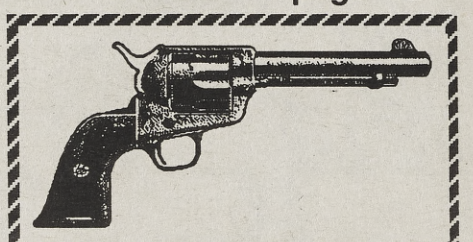

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Russians Meet Valley "Cowboys"

Declaring that the freedom brought by glasnost is "wonderful," two leading riders from the Moscow Circus visited Stonepine Inn for two days as guests of equestrians Tom and Debbie Harris.

Tamerlan Nugzanov, the head of the spectacular 11-horse circus act, and one of his top riders, Batir (Boris) Dzgoev, traveled to the Valley from San Francisco where the circus was performing on a nine-month tour of North America.

The Harrises, who head the equestrian unit at the exclusive resort, were put in touch with the Russians by Pat Ireland, an independent television producer who is doing a show about Soviet and American horsemen for public station KTEH.

Although the Moscow Circus has appeared in this country fairly often, Nugzanov, said that this was the first time he has gone off alone to meet with his American counterparts.

He was asked if this visit was possible because of the loosening of restrictions taking place under President Gorbachev.

"This is an expression of glasnost," he said through interpreter Natasha Vinnichenko. "There are no KGB agents, and we are free to meet with people as we like."

"So you're enjoying this extra freedom?" he was asked.

"Yes," he said with a wide smile, "it's wonderful."

Harris said of Nugzanov: "He's one of the best horsemen in the world. He's one of the best at horsemanship, performing, teaching, and putting together horse acts."

Saying that he and Harris essentially used the same training methods on horses, Nugzanov said, "The end result is we do the same thing. The rodeo and our act both entertain people."

Nugzanov, 47, who has been with the circus for 32 years, comes from the same region as the fearsome Cossacks, but the people traveling with the circus were careful to point out that he is a Djigits, not a Cossack. "The Cossacks really were savages," one of them explained quietly.

When referring to the Harrises, Nugzanov kept talking about cowboys. "It is wonderful to carry on a dialogue like this with cowboys," he said at one point.

After their visit at Stonepine, the performers were flying to Salt Lake City to be on hand for the circus' next performances. The circus troupe is made up of 90 Soviets and 30 North Americans.

Putting his red and white saddle on one of Harris' horses—it was a skimpy thing that looked like a pillow on top—the Russian had trouble for a moment getting the horse to rear for photographers.

"We use different signals" in training our horses, Harris explained.

Sabrina Chavers, a young equestrian from the Valley who is active in the Trail & Saddle Club, said she could hardly believe the feats the Russian horsemen performed when she saw the circus in San Francisco.

"You wouldn't believe these guys," she said, describing how they crawled under their mounts while they were running at top speed.

TAKING A BREAK outside Stonepine Inn's barns are Debby and Tom Harris, of the resort, and their visitors from the Moscow Circus, Batir Dzgoev and Tamerlan Nugzanov, head of the troupe's equestrian unit. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Upper C.V. Advisory Committee Considers 11,000 Sq. Ft. Home Proposed in Valley

The Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee is scheduled to consider a proposal for an 11,000 square foot residence near Los Laureles when it meets April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Plans for the Tudor-style home have been submitted by Lee Newell, president of New Cities Development Group. The proposed construction on Ring Lane is in a neighborhood where older homes typically are no larger than 3,000 or so square feet.

A member of the citizens' advisory panel, Jason Wachs, expressed concern about the proposal. He told the *Sun* that he questioned whether it would be compatible with other homes in the neighborhood and whether its approval might set a precedent for other large homes in the upper Valley.

He noted that the Carmel Valley Master Plan calls for new construction to be compatible and in harmony with existing structures. Wachs said the committee put off action on the proposal at its last meeting, requesting that the site be staked and flagged so members could see the scope and impact of the home.

The *Sun* attempted to reach Newell about his proposal but he did not return calls left at New Cities Development.

Big Sur Marathon Needs Volunteers

Organizers of the Fifth Big Sur International Marathon need about 1,000 volunteers for the April 29 event to help with such concerns as traffic control, parking and medical assistance.

Volunteer Coordinators Ward and Sharon Gillette said they especially need shuttle drivers and attendants at bus loading areas because a second walk was added this year.

In addition to the 26.2 mile marathon from just south of Pfeiffer State Park to Rio Road in Carmel, there is a seven-mile walk and a 10-mile walk. The events are expected to attract an estimated 4,000 entrants, 3,000 of them in the race.

Caltrans will restrict Highway 1 to limited automobile traffic from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the race. Call 625-6226 for information about volunteering.

Positive Thoughts

Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

Every Noble work is at first impossible. —Thomas Carlyle

It's a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness. —Seneca

God is not greater if you reverence Him, but you are greater if you serve Him. —Augustus

We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see heart to heart. —Sam Levenson

Eternal Life does not begin with death; it begins with faith. —Samuel Shoemaker

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks. —St. Ambrose

The smallest deed is better than the grandest intention. —Larry Eisenberg

In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart. —John Bunyan

If you're going to climb, you've got to grab the branches, not the blossoms. —Hugh Park

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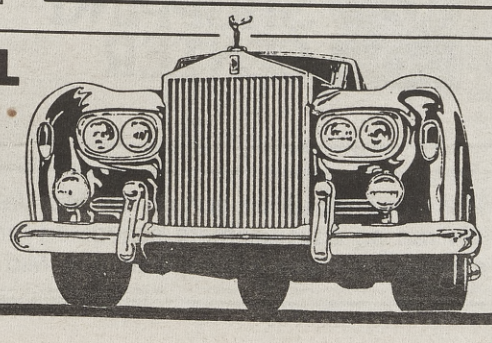

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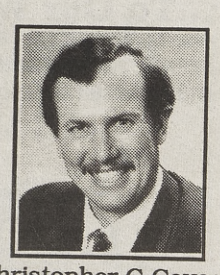

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VILLAGE. A man reported two chainsaws and a weed-eater were stolen from his toolshed. 3/17.

MID VALLEY. A resident on Valley Greens reported trapping a possum he believed might be rabid. 3/18.

CACHAGUA. A woman reported trespassers on her property. 3/19.

MID VALLEY. A woman on Robinson Canyon reported finding mail on the roadway that belonged to people on Tierra Grande and Robinson Canyon. 3/20.

LOS LAURELES. Mail was reported stolen from Story Road. 3/20.

VILLAGE. A man reported recovering a check, endorsed by a Donna Hopkins, that he said had been stolen from his mailbox in January. 3/20. (On 3/29, a Seaside woman reported that a check, made out to pay one of her utility bills but stolen from her mailbox on 3/10, had been returned with the payee altered and endorsed by a Donna Hopkins.)

SLEEPY HOLLOW. A man reports the possible theft of mail from his mailbox. 3/20.

VILLAGE. A resident reports two men illegally fishing in Moore's pond on the Carmel River. 3/21.

CROSSROADS. Longs employes reported a man tried to steal a bottle of vodka, but dropped it and fled into the riverbank; he later was arrested. 3/21.

CROSSROADS. Safeway employes reported a small fire in the riverbed; it was extinguished. 3/21.

MID VALLEY. A greenskeeper at Carmel Valley Country Club reported finding a safe on the 1st fairway on 3/13. 3/22.

HIGHWAY 1. A fire was reported near Ribera Road; investigators found a transient warming himself. 3/23.

VILLAGE. A resident on Laurel Drive reported a case of empty beer bottles was left in his driveway, apparently from a large party nearby the night before. 3/24.

VILLAGE. Owners of the Oak Deli reported it was broken into, $125 was stolen and the window of a refrigerator was kicked in. 3/24.

VILLAGE. A man reported a burglary at his home in which a TV and $20,000 worth of silverware were stolen. 3/24.

VILLAGE. A resident at White Oaks reported a burglary in which a VCR and cordless phone were taken. 3/24.

HIGHWAY 1. A tourist from Ohio reported someone got into the unlocked trunk of his car while it was parked at Garrapata Beach and stole a backpack, a camcorder and a .410 derringer. 3/23.

Cars Tear Up Community Center and Airport Grass

The Community Center reported its lawn was torn up Sunday by someone driving their car or truck over it, and the Sheriff's Office reported similar vandalism at the Airport.

Community Center Director Ellen Karadimis asked anyone who saw the drivers to call the Sheriff's Office so the culprits could be apprehended.

Cachagua Fire Volunteers Move Meetings to ATT

The Cachagua Volunteer Fire Co. general membership meetings have been moved to the ATT Earth Station until the weather warms up. Then they will again be held at the fire station in Prince's Camp. The meetings are held the second Friday of every month at 7 p.m.

SIERRA CLUB VOLUNTEER Joan Di Stefano of Carmel leads a group of hikers through Toro Park on a recent hike. Wildflowers in expanses such as Toro Park are now reaching their peak. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

State Seeks Comment on C.V. Road Widening

The California State Office of Planning and Research has written the Monterey Department of Public Works seeking its views on a draft environmental impact report on widening Carmel Valley Road.

The proposed $25 million project would widen the road to four lanes from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road. The county conducted an initial study for the project, determined that an EIR was necessary, and called for its completion by June, 1991. The county timetable does not anticipate completion until June, 1996, if the project is given final approval.

Aimed at providing a more efficient and effective traffic level of service, the project would widen the road for a total distance of 4.3 miles from the existing two lanes to four lanes, including left turn lanes, median and median openings.

The EIR will also examine the impact of not widening the road and of such alternatives as maintaining the existing two lanes with provision of a center left-turn lane, maintaining the existing two lanes with provision of right-turn lanes at intersections along the 4.3 miles and alternative widening alignments for the roadway.

Cachagua Community Center Seeks Board Volunteers

Jetta K. Aldridge, president of the Cachagua Community Center, said she is seeking volunteers to serve on the center's board of directors. Anyone interested should contact her at 659-3612 or attend the next board meeting at the ATT Earth Station at 7:30 p.m. April 4. Applicants must live in the Cachagua or Jamesburg district.

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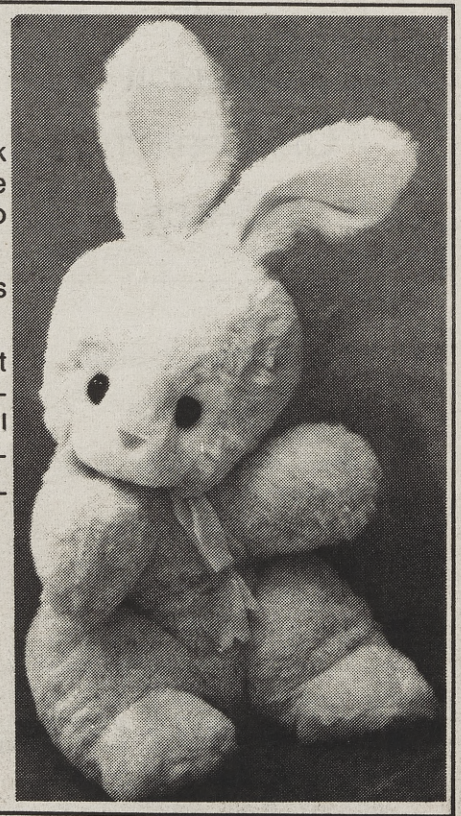

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In Two Days of Operation

Ladder Fails to Attract Steelhead; River Population Decline Predicted

By Stan Hall

The failure of a temporary ladder to attract steelhead from the sea during the two days it operated portends reduced numbers of the fish in the Carmel River for at least several years, said the official in charge of the project.

"It's safe to say we do have a remnant run," said Dave Dettman, a biologist with the Water Management District, referring to the small number of fish left to perpetuate the species after four years of drought interrupted their reproductive cycle.

"We can expect to see reduced numbers of steelhead in the river for several years, but the reduced population is not necessarily permanent. It could come back, but there are no guarantees, of course," he said.

Dettman spoke to the *Sun* on March 27 as he and workmen prepared to finish dismantling the 130-foot temporary ladder up a large sand dune at the mouth of the Carmel River.

Dettman had hoped to flow water over it for five days and nights in an effort to lure ready-to-spawn steelhead out of the sea and up its foot-high steps into a holding tank. But the power of the sea delayed the effort and then cut it short, knocking out one of the large pumps providing sea water for the ladder from about 1000 yards off the beach.

"I thought it would remain a bit calmer than it did," Dettman said, explaining that it is nearing the end of the winter storm season. He said he would have tried to get the ladder back in operation "if we had gotten just one fish..," but failing that decided it was too dangerous to ask divers to try to install a new pumping system.

In the experiment, sea water was combined with small amounts of water from a lagoon at the mouth of the river and from a steelhead exhibit at the Monterey Aquarium in hopes it would trigger the instinct in the fish to return to the waters where they were born when it was time to spawn.

Because of the drought, the river has not flowed into the ocean since 1987, halting the migration of young fish to the ocean and the return of mature fish to their spawning grounds.

Dettman had cautioned in advance that the chances were high that the ladder would fail to attract fish. But he admitted he still was disappointed at the outcome.

"A lot of us were looking forward to getting fish up that ladder," he said, shaking his head. "The fish had four opportunities to come up the ladder in four high-tides, and there was no response."

Dettman said he believed the main reason was a general lack of fish in Carmel Bay. "No sea lions were observed taking fish and no fish were spotted in the surf zone," he said, noting those were the two best indicators of waiting-to-spawn steelhead.

Still, he said the effort had yielded invaluable experience. It was supposed to cost around $14,000, but ran somewhat over that because special equipment had to be purchased to try to cope with the ocean.

One of the hardest lessons, he said, was how difficult it was to keep a submersed seawater pump operating. Another was how much sand moved on the beach as the ocean cycled between high and low tides.

Looking ahead to the possibility that a ladder might again be necessary next year, Dettman said he would recommend two significant changes:

o Create a permanent, strongly built portion of the ladder where it enters the ocean. He said it might be placed among the rocks at the south end of the Carmel River Beach so that it would fit in aesthetically and yet not be undermined by the undertow as the tides fluctuated up and down some five feet. The portion of the ladder above the tides would be temporary so it could be removed when not in use.

o Pipe river water from upstream where the river was flowing to feed the ladder, eliminating the need to place electrically powered pumps offshore in the heavy surf.

This would provide a greater amount of river water to attract any fish waiting to spawn, and it also would employ water more representative of their spawning grounds than water pumped from the lagoon.

Science does not understand precisely what attracts steelhead to the waters where they were born when it is time to spawn. But Dettman said it might be the combination of minerals in it—reflecting the particular geology of the region through which it flowed—or even possibly a particular combination of organic matter.

WATER FILLS a temporary fish ladder built at the mouth of Carmel River in an unsuccessful atempt to attract ready-to-spawn steelhead. Technical problems and the pounding surf cut the experiment to two days operation from its planned five.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Irrigation Okayed to Save Trees

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board, hoping to save trees, prevent erosion, and protect wildlife habitat, will spend some $100,000 to install four miles of drip irrigation near the mouth of the Carmel River.

The system will begin near Rancho Canada Golf Club and extend to the lagoon at the river's mouth near the ocean.

Without this irrigation, the majority of the trees--willows, cottonwoods, and dogwood—will die this year, according to Graham Matthews, a hydrologist for the water district.

Dick Heuer, water board chairman, told the *Sun* that this area of the river attracts many birdwatchers, as it is an important habitat for a wide variety of migratory birds.

The Peninsula's water use has dropped the water table below the levels of the tree roots. Heuer said he believes irrigation has become mandatory to make up for the depletion of ground water.

Matthews said workers will install the system during the second half of April. Matthews will work with 22 property owners along that stretch of the river to obtain their permission for the project. He also will determine what the source of water will be for the project.

The water board also authorized two of its staff to patrol the Carmel River to enforce the law that bans use of motorcycles and motor vehicles in the dry river bed. Members said both had prior police training.

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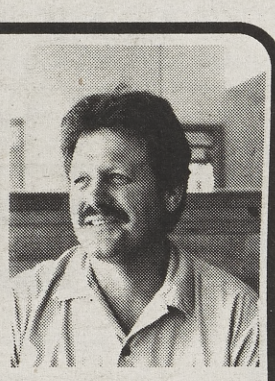

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Carmel Red Cross Seeking to Overcome National Flap

Concerned over the national organization's controversial handling of earthquake relief donations, Carmel's Red Cross chapter has delayed its annual fundraising drive and is taking pains to explain the many services it offers the community.

"This is probably the most successful small Red Cross chapter in the United States," declared chapter Chairman Phyllis Crockett. "That's not just me saying that; that's the national chairman of Red Cross Volunteers."

"The national organization is guilty of bad P. R. (in the handling of earthquake relief donations)," added Lynette Balesteri, the manager of the chapter. "But that's all it's guilty of."

Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Balesteri—the only paid staff member in the chapter—and Kay Grant, an active volunteer from Cachagua, outlined the local chapter's community efforts in an interview with the *Sun*. Mrs. Balesteri requested the interview.

"We've got a long, successful history in this chapter," she said, explaining it was chartered in 1916. "I hate to see anyone throw cold water on such a good organization. We're proud of the Red Cross—proud to be a part of it."

As proof of the local group's success, the women said that nationally, the Red Cross has 68 volunteers for each paid staff person; in Carmel, the ratio is 450 to one.

Mrs. Balesteri also provided a list of 17 local services. Some of them were traditional, such as the provision of blood, first aid and CPR training classes and water safety instruction. Others were less so, such as special programs for the area's seniors, a knitting program in which volunteers make garments for residents of Veterans Hospitals, a speakers' bureau on AIDS and a loan closet filled with medical equipment which can be borrowed for up to three months.

PLANNING STRATEGY for a delayed local Red Cross fundraising drive are Kay Grant, a volunteer from Cachagua, manager Lynette Balesteri and chapter chairwoman Phyllis Crockett from Carmel Valley. Local leaders are trying to overcome controversy over the national group's handling of earthquake relief funds. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

In addition, the local chapter has created what it calls satellite shelters, standby provisions capable of taking care of 50 people for up to 72 hours in an emergency. Containing cots, blankets, bandages and other emergency items, the equipment is stored in six different locations, Cachagua, Carmel Valley, mid Valley, Carmel, Point Sur and Willow Springs on the South Coast. The women said the equipment was strategically placed because some areas might be cut off in an emergency such as another earthquake.

"The Red Cross is an emergency-based organization," Mrs. Crockett said. "Our job is to help avoid, be prepared for, and cope with emergencies."

The national Red Cross became embroiled in controversy when it was disclosed that some of the funds donated specifically for victims of the Oct. 17 earthquake in Northern California were being used to help victims of Hurricane Hugo. Hugo's impact was much more devastating, the women said, but the earthquake generated more contributions because people waiting to watch the World Series saw it on television.

They suggested that San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos generated much of that controversy by trying to obtain funds from the Red Cross to care for homeless in his city. But they said those people were homeless before the quake and not because of it.

Because of the controversy, the Carmel chapter delayed its annual fundraising mailing from March to April. The delay allowed the controversy to cool and the chapter to prepare a newsletter pointing out all the local programs, Mrs. Balesteri said. Those letters should go into the mail about April 10.

"We want local citizens to know this is a good (national) organization, and Carmel is a superior part of it," said Mrs. Crockett. "If people are turned off by the negative publicity, some of our vital programs could be lost."

The Carmel chapter's annual budget runs between $80,000 and $100,000, the women said, and the chapter provides services to people in a 620 square mile area. They cited statistics showing that 90 percent of the money donated to the Red Cross goes into direct aid—the highest percentage of any national charitable organization.

As for the $286,000 the Carmel chapter collected for earthquake relief, the women said all of it went to aid quake victims, with none being retained for administrative or other costs.

Flower Show May 6

Promoters of the Carmel Valley Garden Association flower show May 6 say it's never to early to start planning which favorite plant to enter.

Theme of the show is "Valley of the Flowers." Awards will be given for individual blossoms, container plants and arrangements in six categories. All amateur gardeners are invited to participate. Call General Chairman Bill Marshall for information, 659-5449.

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What's Blooming

The Chocolate Lily *(Fritillaria Biflora)* blooms in heavy soil along the Big Sur Coast from February to April. The nodding, bell-shaped flowers range from dark brown to greenish bronze on a stem about 5 to 10 inches tall. It is native to the Central Coast. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

Veteran Nurseryman, Mark Eaton, To Write *Sun* Garden Column

Mark Eaton, a nurseryman with 18 years experience, will write a monthly garden column for the Carmel Valley *Sun* starting April 18.

"We're excited at the prospect of having someone with Mark's experience and writing ability keep us posted on what we ought to be doing in our gardens," said *Sun* Editor Stan Hall. "It seems everybody is into gardening here."

Eaton, 36, is a partner in the Valley's Begonia Gardens Nursery with Jim Flagg and Todd Pascoe. They purchased the nursery last August.

Eaton has a horticulture degree from Foothill College in Los Altos and is a California Certified Nurseryman.

He came to the area from Half Moon Bay where he had been sales manager for the largest of the wholesale nurseries there for seven years.

He lives in Carmel with his wife and two children, and proudly notes that a third child is on the way.

MARK EATON

Carmel Sets Business Beautification Contest

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club and the Carmel Business Association (CBA) will hold their fifth annual Beautification Contest for the entire business district in April.

Businesses taking part must use fresh flowers and drought-tolerant plant materials. Judging will take place April 20 with awards to be presented at the 8 a.m. May 3 meeting of the CBA at La Playa Hotel.

Entry forms are available at CBA, P.O. Box 4444, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 93921, and must be submitted by April 18.

Wildflower Program, Field Trip Planned By Native Plant Society This Month

Suzanne Schettler of U.C.'s Hastings Reservation in Upper Carmel Valley will present a wildflower program and slide show April 17 to the Monterey Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS).

The show will illustrate the scenic values and diversity of wildflowers in the proposed American Canyon Research Natural Area in the Santa Lucia Division of the Los Padres National Forest, an area high on the slopes of Pine Mountain in the La Panza Range of San Louis Obispo County. The public is invited to the 7:30 p.m. show at Brey Library, Carmel High School.

Schettler is state president of CNPS and field trip chairperson of the local chapter which has scheduled April 14 for a hike and work party field trip to repair the trail to the John and Betty Davis Memorial Redwood Grove in J.P. Burns State Park.

The Davises were well known Valley residents who lived at Hastings Reservation where he served as director for some 30 years. For information call Jud Vandevere, 372-6001.

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Brush Strokes *The Art Scene*

A Look at Two Artists: Eve Tartar and Barry Masteller

By Anita DeCarlo

Eve Tartar should be a familiar. Her works have homes all over the peninsula, 23 at The Lodge alone. Once you have seen one you'll not likely forget it. They are impressive, some of them by their size, all of them by their precision of construction, intricacy of detail and manual labor involved. And all that for a good cause: the sum of the many parts, as marvelous as they are, are greater yet in their total aesthetic impact.

The lobby of the Carmel Mission Inn at Rio Road and Highway 1 where the show is being held is not the best place to view Tartar's work as some is too crowded, two behind the desk not visible enough, and two are lost in a separate room.

The show consists of four wall sculptures and the rest collage of minute hand cut pieces of paper assembled with tweezers and glue. To get away from sexism I'm going to use the terms "Yin " and "Yang," the Chinese primal principles of femaleness and maleness which do not have sexual meaning but are applied to the two alternating primal states of being: oppositeness—dark, light, yielding/firm, and so on. Tartar's wall sculptures are opposites to her collages. They are Yang to Yin. They are large, hard, firm, powerful, forceful; the collages are a myriad of small pieces, soft, rhythmic, graceful, yielding.

There are two wall sculptures called "Calipers of Time," one black and white, one red and white. They are constructed to perfection of fittings and surfaces, the shadow play of the small parts in juxtaposition to the smooth light expanse of the singular part. They have something of Louise Nevelson's shadow box wall sculptures and the precision of the paintings of Mondrian (a mentor of Tartar's). Nowhere is her self-admitted interest in the play of the domineering against the yielding more blatantly evident than in these two pieces. The rest are more subtle. You can't hurry by.

"Our Fabled Coast," thousands of pieces of cut paper woven into hills, sky and water with a painter's eye for color—value-intensity relationships, the subtle motion of the water against the land. Or: "Byzantium"—cut fabric pieced into a city rising into the heat: heat pressing the city down. Or: "Gathering of the Gurus"—fabric collage of vertical yellow white faced figures pressing against a field of orange horizontals of the same shape.

For a change, I am not going to describe them one by one. That is the fun and joy of these pieces. Arm yourself with an awareness of how skilled she is, not just with scissors, but with color and manipulation of space and look for these conceptual tensions yourself. Not truly abstract like her mentor, Mondrian, still, like Mondrian, the effect of her abstracted imagery is to more purely express feeling.

The Barry Masteller show at the Claypoole-Freese in Pacific Grove is very cohesive. All the paintings are entitled "Natural Occurrence" with a number and they are all abstracted images of water. I have a little bit of trouble with Masteller's insistence that they are not about water, they are about painting. They are abstracts. Well, yes and no to both. Monet painted haystack after haystack and he, too, was certainly immersed in the process of painting, but the process of painting in response to the continual change of light (color) refracted by the haystacks. To that sense he was abstracting the haystacks. With my students I like to use the word extract—to extract from what you see that which is mutually important to yourself and the object(s) you're painting. But for Monet in this example, the haystacks were the source and remain an integral contribution to the process of his painting them.

What I am saying is the artist cannot step aside from an obvious subject source no matter how abstracted (or how minute a facet of it is extracted) and say that a part of the painting doesn't count because it is an abstract or because it is not about the subject, it is only about painting. "Natural Occurrence XXI" is the painting that prompted this discourse. Veils of slick glazes over rubbed stains topped with calligraphic stokes of lapping water effectively portray the mood of water receding under mist. Daubs of creamy impasto meant as light reflections are not, and lie between us and the water. In "Natural Occurrence X" the stained canvas glows under the impasto and the flickering whites are very successful lights reflected in water. It is an excellent "extraction" of the moving water in that situation.

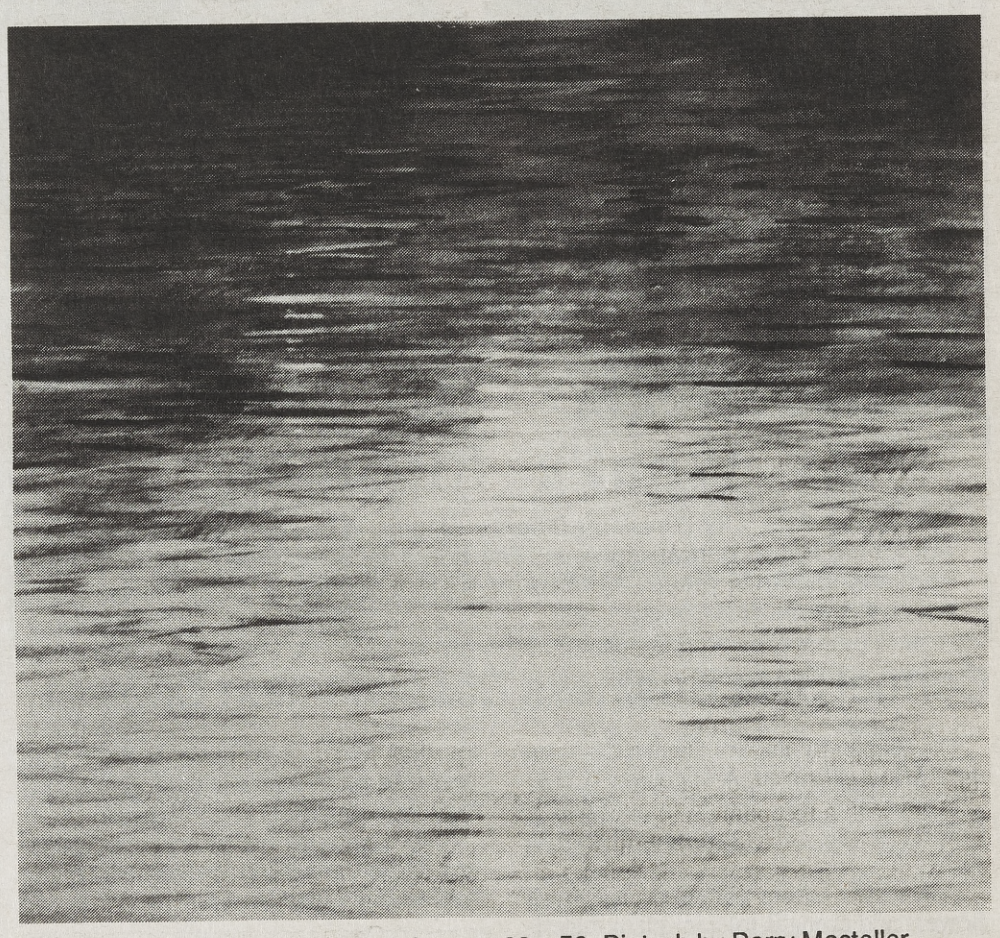
For the most part I found these water paintings very effective, a basic simplicity achieved in expressing varying water "moods." The process of achieving this with the layers of scrubbed color glazed over with limited color or variations of black or white is Masteller's personal response to his source—whether in the studio or in the field. Having dealt very effectively with atmospheric perspective (the dissolution of clarity as objects move into the distance) to describe the movement of the water into the distance: to take calligraphic pains to wave the water, he has "told" us that he is truly not too far from his source. Next I would like to see him deal with color.

Market Opens for Local Artists

An arts and crafts market will open at Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey in April to give local professional artists and craftsmen a direct outlet for their work.

The Carmel Art Guild is sponsoring the twice a month outdoor market at the Heritage Harbor complex overlooking Fisherman's Wharf off Pacific at Scott and Olivier Streets.

The first market is scheduled April 7-8 and the second, April 28-29. Local artists will be on hand selling their work. Those interested in displaying their work should contact the Carmel Art Guild, 625-5210.



OCCURRENCE IX, 1989, Oil on Canvas 28 x 52. Diptych by Barry Masteller

Sunset Center Hosts First Outdoor Festival for Local Artists June 23

The Sunset Cultural Center of Carmel will host the first "Outdoor Summer Art Festival" June 23, open to all Monterey Peninsula and Salinas area artists and aimed at exhibiting "affordable art."

The juried show is open to artists using watercolor, oil, acrylic, seragraph, lithograph, drawing, collage, photography, etching and sculpture. Three members of the Carmel Art Association—Joe Tanous, Miguel Dominguez and Wilda Northrup—will review painting and sculpture entries. Roger Fremier will act as reviewer of photography.

Coordinator Joan Vandervort said, "We plan on a Purchase Award, Best of Show, People's Choice and ribbons with cash prizes for many categories."

The review committee requests three pieces from each artist not to exceed 36-by-36-inches and sculpture not to exceed 100 pounds. Entries should be submitted between May 1 and June 1 for review.

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ART HAPPENINGS

Miguel Dominguez of Carmel Valley has a display of recent watercolors at the Carmel Art Association, Dolores between 5th & 6th, Carmel, April 5-May 2.

The Pacific Grove Art Center Patrons' Show opens April 15-27. Area artists and collectors have donated works for a drawing at a reception, 5:30 p.m., April 27. $30. A special preview reception is scheduled April 20, 7 p.m.

The Oriental Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula meets at 7:30 p.m., April, 10, the Community Room, Crossroads Shopping Center, to hear a discussion of Chinese music.

The Carmel Art Association will hold a wine tasting reception, $5, to open a display of the work of 30 member-artists, the Barnyard, 1-4 p.m., May 19.

The Gentrain Society at Monterey Peninsula College will hold a one-day tour, $20, to the Marin County Center to see the architecture and a special exhibition honoring Frank Lloyd Wright, May 12. Call 649-4490 for reservations or send a check to Gentrain Society, 980 Fremont Blvd., Monterey, CA 93940.

Watercolorist Edward Ward will sign his book "First Impressions: Sketching Nature in Waterclor," 4-6 p.m., April 8, Thunderbird, The Barnyard.

A month-long exhibit, "Dreaming Art, Seeing the Unconscious," featuring the work of 50 peninsula artists, opens April 7 with a reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Cherry Foundation, Fourth and Guadalupe, Carmel. Open 11-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

Winners of the 1989 Youth Poster Contest sponsored by the California Native Plant Society will be on display this month at the Museum of Natural History in Pacific Grove. The display of 45 posters also coincides with the museum's 29th annual Wild Flower Show, April 20-22.

3rd Annual C.V. Art Show May 6

The 3rd Annual Carmel Valley Artists Outdoor Show will be held May 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at White Oaks Plaza in the Village.

Valley artists interested in participating in the popular show should contact Ann Rizzo, P.O. Box 34, Carmel Valley 93924. There is a $5 entry fee.

Painters on exhibit will include: Rodger Weeks, Dee Cantlon, Sunday Collins, brothers Miguelin and Alexis Dominguez, Doyt Early, Virginia Ford, Joyce Jenkins, Rolf Lygren, Julia Masaoka, Ami McGill Proctor, Jeanne Ocker, Ann Rizzo, Sally Sanders, Bill Stanley, Shirley Sullivan, Isabelle Hall, Mike Paglia, Sheri Adams, Ron Bean and Rene McClue.

Ray Lindsay and Debi Efron will display photographic works. Other crafts will be represented by Dona Daugherty, jewelry; Bill Schulte, wood doors; Charles Cully, silver; Barbara Vesti, rugs; and Jody Cooper and Nancy Fleming, clothes.

Open Studio Tour Has Bean Design

Carmel Valley artist Ron Bean has designed the burgundy and blue brochure cover for the upcoming Monterey County Open Studio Tour '90.

Bean, a widely known local watercolorist, was the art director for a Chicago advertising firm prior to retiring here. He studied at the Chicago Art Institute and the Chicago Academy and has exhibited at the Chicago Art Guild and in Wilmington, N.C., El Paso, Texas and at various galleries in Mnterey and Sonoma County. The second annual studio tour will be held May 19-20. Sponsored by Artists Equity Central Coast Chapter, the tour will present 66 artists' studios throughout the peninsula from Salinas to Big Sur.

The tour has been awarded a grant by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and the Monterey County Cultural Council has given an institutional grant to Artists Equity.

A PAINTING FROM Edward Ward's book, "First Impressions: Sketching Nature in Watercolor" which he will sign April 8 at Thunderbird Bookstore.

Valley Sculptor Creates Bronze Work for Bat Conservationists

Carmel Valley wildlife artist Mark Andrew, who is devoted to the preservation of animal species, has created a bronze sculpture of a bat which pollinates cactus to promote the work of Bat Conservation International (BCI).

Andrew created a limited edition of 150 of the Cactus Pollinator, an endangered lesser long-nosed bat which can be seen in arid regions of the North American tropics from San Salvador to northern Mexico and, in the summertime, the subtropical zones of Arizona and New Mexico.

The sculpture has depicted the bat savoring the nectar from a Sonoran Desert cardon cactus. The bat's visit to a cardon flower may last less than a second but it provides vital cross pollination that ensures survival of the giant cactus, some of which grow 40 feet in height.

"This artwork realizes a part of my destiny," Andrew says. "I have become a more powerful voice for the preservation of the earth...It is my prayer that we do not despoil our home. With gratitude, then, I offer this art for the enjoyment and teaching of the world."

"Nature presents a fascinating picture: a magnificent giant cactus, some 40 feet in height reliant upon a small furry creature weighing no more than an ounce." BCI said. "Their ecological interdependence is vital to the survival of many other species, and perhaps to the future of southwestern desert ecosystems."

The conservation group was founded in Austin, Texas, in 1982 by Dr. Merlin D. Tuttle as scientists around the world became alarmed about severe declines in bat populations. The animals have tended to be neglected by many conservation groups.

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The Pacific Grove Art Center will concurrently exhibit works by the 66 artists on the tour. Representative works may presently be viewed at the Valley Art Gallery in Salinas as well as at the Monterey Peninsula Airport Gallery.
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Cooper Ranch Uses Approved

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477 signatures urging them to continue the ban. "We ask the directors to provide a suitable area, not adjacent to Garland, for the sole use of bicyclists," the petition said.

Park Manager Gary Tate and his staff will follow up on the board's decision by making specific proposals on the use of fencing, signs, ordinances, policing and fines to keep horses and bikes on separate trails. Horses will be banned from the Cooper Ranch trails used by bicyclists, but hikers will be allowed to share at least some trails with them.

At the end of the meeting, Susan Augustitus, a Valley resident who has appeared at many public meeting to urge approval of bicycling, appealed to the board almost plaintively, "You won't change your mind, will you?"

"No," replied Griffin immediately. He had been the most outspoken among directors in supporting bicycles.

The proposed Indian village and museum was discussed by Nason and Bob Western, vice president of Window to the West. The non-profit group which operates a fledgling village near Tassajara proposed building traditional Indian structures and teaching Indian lore and crafts.

Members unanimously endorsed their concept. "It sounds great," said Mrs. Hutchins, "because it focuses on school children."

In other action, the board:

—Agreed to try to find some quick way to provide a route through park property so youngsters on bicycles could easily travel between their neighborhoods and the Little League park. Told a use permit would have to be amended, members said the season likely would be over before the more direct route was available. The board had approved reopening the park to bicycles for that purpose earlier this year.

—Declined to share in the cost of erecting more than 400 feet of fence between park property and that owned by Richard Rosenthal, an attorney in the Village.

—Agreed in principle to provide the History Society with land on which to build a permanent headquarters and museum when that time comes.

—Approved working with the water management board to create a joint maintenance workshop at the ranch house.

—Agreed that moving the park staff into the ranch house was a first priority.

—Agreed to explore further whether stables to provide rental horses could be established in the park. The Trails Association also presented a petition with 250 names favoring creation of an equestrian center.

The only major proposal that failed to get conceptual approval from the board was for the creation of a heritage farm containing at least some animals and located near an existing barn. Members said they needed more information about the costs of caring for the animals and also what it would take to make the dilapidated barn safe for visitors to be around.

The park district purchased historic Cooper Ranch with its 60-year-old main house for $1.13 million in November. Shortly after the purchase, Tate took History Society members on a tour of the house and offered to allow them to use it.

Society members such as Marvin Pylate said the group has collected a great deal of material and needs a permanent place to display it.

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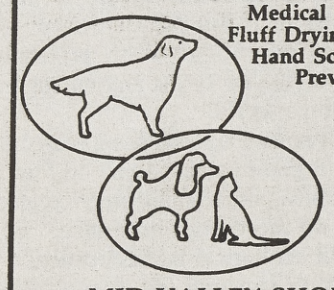

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Mid Valley Cleaners Buys Own Plant

Michael and Susan Lee, proprietors of Mid Valley Cleaners since 1988, have purchased their own dry cleaning plant in Seaside to provide better quality service to customers.

"We invite people to come in and enjoy the quicker, higher quality service," Mrs. Lee said, adding they plan to offer one-day service soon.

"We will always strive for perfection," she added. "If we should fail in that, we ask customers to tell us immediately. When we succeed, tell your friends."

Mrs. Lee also offers expertise in reweaving, tailoring, repair and clothing remodeling.

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Cottages an Election Issue

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council. It's certainly quieter than 1986 when the whole world seemed to be watching as 12 candidates, led by Eastwood, were in the field. But this is not an apathetic town. Of the 5,000 or so residents, 3,964 are registered voters, reflecting both political interest and the largely adult population.

Mayor Jean Grace, who succeeded Eastwood two years ago, is opposed for re-election to a second two-year term by Eleanor Laiolo, who has just completed a four-year term on the city council. Grace takes credit for completion of the Carmel Beach Bluffs Walkway, a beautiful pathway much used by residents and tourists alike; the controversial purchase of property that is outside the city limits for development of a mini-park and new parking; and ordinances prohibiting short-term rentals in the residential area and restricting the cutting down of mature trees.

Running for two, four-year terms on the City Council are incumbent Robert Fischer, a former Carmel police officer who retired as assistant chief of police in 1985, Barbara Brooks, a resident for the past four years and president of the Carmel Residents Association, and Carla Ramsey, a Realtor and current chairperson of the Planning Commission.

Fischer and Ramsey have defended decisions taken in the past four years. Fischer thought Eastwood was good for the city. Brooks points to her regular attendance at meetings held by the city council, her own, 647-member CRA group and the Carmel Business Association.

All the candidates have expressed concern in public forums about the economic pressures that are threatening to change the character of the city. But few concrete proposals to protect the city's quaint cottages from developers have emerged, and no serious division marks the candidates on the issue so far if you look at the campaign rhetoric.

However, Laiolo and Ramsey emerge as the pro-development candidates to those who monitor the council and planning commission meetings.

Seventy-three percent of Carmel turned out in 1986 and 55.7 percent in 1988. With only five candidates this year—all well-versed in the business of government—it remains to be seen if the voters will be drawn to the polls.

The fight over the commercial area down Ocean Avenue has been sidelined for now. There are no fast food stores or chain stores as such, but high rents have forced out many shops, like a corner drugstore. It used to augment the "small town" aura while lots of stores selling T-shirts, ice cream cones, cookies and the like provide a carnival air. Even so, the city's official guide spells out in bold letters: "Eating on the street is strongly discouraged."

The question today is whether to continue to permit residential development which in many cases can only be done with second story additions to houses that already fill their lots or to insist upon stricter requirements for remodeling and new construction.

The alternative to stricter rules, as one wag put it, is further "Carmelization." The verb "to carmelize," in this case, refers to overdevelopment not burnt sugar. Concerned citizens of nearby Pacific Grove, worrying about long-range plans for their own community, have expressed fear it will become "another Carmel," for example.

Trees are a major issue in Carmel which actually does a tree census every four years. There are some 13,000 trees growing on public land in the forest by the sea's edge.

There is grave concern that the lovely, twisted old live oak trees and towering Monterey pines are beginning to die of old age and nothing is growing or being planted to take their place. The trees are what gives the city much of its charm.

Despite restrictions on removing any trees—even those on private property—they obviously are being cut down to make way for much of the new development. As the tiny, frequently flimsy "Carmel" cottages of the 1940's are being torn down or gutted, they are being replaced with much larger two-story homes, leaving little room for landscaping, especially large trees.

Torres Street, for example, is being rebuilt with huge houses that appear to be barely 10 feet apart and maybe 15 feet from the street, leaving no room for gardens.

San Francisco Chronicle environmental writer Harold Gilliam, in an article March 18, blamed Eastwood for opening the way to the current residential growth which he described as "atrocities being perpetrated on separate lots all over town."

Gilliam likened the building boom to the 1950's when cottages "by the dozen were demolished" and replaced with about 30 motels until a crusader, Gunnar Norberg, stepped in and rallied the citizens to bring it to a halt. Gilliam hopes the same thing will happen now.

Adding to the problem—and conceivably even providing a solution—is the four year drought on the Monterey Peninsula. Restrictions on new construction and remodeling apply while rationing stays in effect, but only serve to make the existing real estate even more valuable.

PICTURED IS ONE OF THE CARMEL homes that make the city so charming and so desirable for developers.
Sun photo by Isabelle Hall.

Traffic Committee Sets Public Meeting

Monterey County Supervisors Sam P. Karas and Karin Strasser Kauffman have announced the fifth regional Monterey Peninsula Traffic Committee meeting will be held April 16 with a guest speaker on air pollution control.

Representatives from the Peninsula cities, Caltrans and regional agencies will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Carmel Mission Inn in Carmel. Principal speaker will be Larry Odle, Air Pollution Control Officer for the Monterey Bay Unified air Pollution Control District. The public is invited.

Info For Salinas Valley Fair Ready

Books detailing entry information, deadlines, rules and premium money at the Salinas Valley Fair, May 16-20, are now available at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds and City Library in King City, Agriculture Extension Office in Salinas and Monterey Fairgrounds. Also at Mid-State Fairgrounds in Paso Robles, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville, San Benito fairgrounds and San Ardo library.

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Start All Over Again?

Will the thousands in this community ever wake up and realize that their safety, health and welfare is in serious jeopardy because a few hundred continue to stall solutions to their water and traffic problems?

If anyone knows how long it takes for the bureaucratic jungle to approve a new dam or highway, it should be the chairman of our Water Board. Yet, he is advocating widening Highway 1, an undertaking which would relegate 34 years of area planning to the paper shredder.

Before Caltrans would consider the project, the Regional Transportation Plan, the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, the General Plan, and all relevant area plans would require revision to reflect the Alternative 4 Modified widening design (Alt 4-1A or 4-1B).

The California Transportation Commission would then have to approve a revision to the State Transportation Improvement Program and authorize funding.

Caltrans would be required to renew the environmental process with either a supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), or a revised final EIS. This procedure would be extended and complicated if supplemental technical studies revealed that existing residences would be impacted by design variations that were never discussed in the DEIS. (Preliminary investigations indicate two residences may be displaced.)

Because 100 percent of the project would fall within the Coastal Zone (unlike but 15 percent of the freeway), Another Consistency Certification would be required from the Coastal Commission.

Approval of a Coastal Permit would be uncertain unless all applicable Land Use Plan environmental protection laws had been suitably amended. Lawsuits are already challenging previous amendments to these laws. It is ironic that the people who filed these lawsuits to protect the Hatton Canyon forest would eventually have to support such amendments in order to destroy the existing forested corridor along Highway 1.

The environmental process for a project to improve traffic capacity near Carmel, underway for over six years, is nearing final approval.

Level-headed and far-sighted people should be alarmed that the fate of a solution to their traffic problems has been linked to the fate of a solution to their water supply!

William Thies
Carmel

Column on Target

The article that appeared in your "Let's Eat Out" column was well written and conveyed the feelings of creativity and fun that we strive for here at "The Rio."

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Tony Tollner
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Recently, I wrote the Water Management Board, requesting top priority be given to the installation of a desalinization plant, as a supplemental water supply, pending construction of a dam. They have not seen fit to even acknowledge my request.

Here are the reasons for my request:

1. We are at best years away from a new dam, 10-15 years or more. Who can say we're not in for a 20-year drought? And we can't just keep on rationing.

2. If we got approval to build a dam, what good would it do if we didn't get any rain. We need a dam, but we need much more a supplemental supply of water until we get one.

3. We have an accepted location for a desalinization plant, and we could move very quickly. A reverse osmosis plant producing 3 million gallons (9 acre feet) per day of potable water could be installed in less than nine months time, for a cost of approximately $10 million, much of which the district already has accumulated. And we could add to this plant as needed.

4. For the dam, we'll have to fight the innumerable federal, state and local agencies forever, but a desalinization plant is the least environmentally sensitive of any of the alternatives.

5. The cost of potable water from desalinization is high today. It will get cheaper as technology improves. Even so, when you add 3,000 acre feet of water to our present supply, the increase in cost per gallon is minimal. And it's a far better thing than rationing. With desalinization, when the rains fill up the aquifer and reservoirs, you simply turn off the turbines.

6. We have agreed that we need a supplemental water supply now. And we don't have a better solution.

7. We are sitting on the shore of a limitless supply of water, and we should be the pioneers in making use of it. Don't overlook what large scale desalinization could do for that produce capital of the world just east of us.

Don't you think these are pretty good reasons for the Water Board to act? And, if they don't act soon, don't you think it's time to dissolve the Water District?

Jack Sassard
Carmel Valley

Hatton Freeway Foes Launch Drive To Pay for New Design, Engineering

Launching a $100,000 fundraising campaign, The Hatton Canyon Coalition announced it had hired an engineering firm and a design company to develop alternative plans to the Hatton Canyon freeway.

At a news conference near where the proposed freeway would be located, Coalition Chairman Skip Lloyd said that Wilbur Smith Associates, a traffic engineering and transportation planning firm, will analyze and develop alternatives to Caltrans' plan to build a freeway through Hatton Canyon.

He said Skidmore, Owings and Merrill will also work on the design as a community service except for a charge of $12,000 in anticipated technical expenses. According to Lloyd, this firm similarly helped redesign the Monterey Highway 1 freeway in the 1960's when the community rejected the state's plan.

Roger Williams, a member of the Hatton Canyon Advisory Committee, on hearing of the fundraising effort, told the *Sun:* "In my opinion it's a waste of people's money. As a member of the Hatton Canyon Advisory Committee, I have observed over the last two years their (Caltrans') dedication to examining any and all alternatives to the Hatton Canyon freeway."

The coalition opposes the Hatton Canyon freeway mainly on environmental grounds, but also because it contends Caltrans' design will not solve the congestion at Highway 1 and the mouth of the Valley. Members of the coalition have been pushing hard for the widening of the existing highway to four lanes. Supporters of the Caltrans' plan call that a bandaid solution that will have to be redone in a few years.

At the news conference, Lloyd also announced that Ed Jordan, a retired transportation executive who once headed Conrail, has joined the the coalition as co-chairman. Jordan said $30,000 raised last year has been spent and estimated that the coalition will need $100,000 to pay for its planned development of alternatives.

"Obviously, this means major fundraising," he said. The coalition intends to call on businesses, individuals with significant wealth, neighborhood associations and the 400 to 500 people who have already given $10 to $100 donations for further financial help.

Williams said, "Every suggested alternative has been found to be lacking even more than the Hatton Canyon freeway. It (the freeway) is not a perfect solution but it is better than any alternatives that have been offered."

The coalition said it had contracted with Wilbur Smith Associates for a $40,000 study to be completed in six months to develop alternatives, especially the possible widening of the existing highway to four lanes up the south side of Carmel hill. Skidmore, Owings and Merrill will work with Wilbur Smith Associates to design the alternative selected by Wilbur Smith's engineers.

"Caltrans has designed something that we can not accept," Lloyd said. "The local politicians seem now to be committed to listen to alternatives."

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Wed 4

— *Comet Austin, discovered last December, may now be very bright. (Beware: forecasts of comet brightnesses are very uncertain). It sets just after evening twilight, so it may be hard to see. Look for it with binoculars in the western-north-western sky, about 5 degrees south of the star Hamal in Aries (see last month's map (March 4 edition) and map for comet below. Hamal is the star above the "S": in Aries.).

Sat 7

— In the morning southeastern sky you can see Venus, Mars, and Saturn.

Mon 9

— Full moon. The full moon of April is called the Grass Moon or Egg Moon.

Wed 11

— Mercury is at greatest latitude (7 degrees) north of the ecliptic plane. This is the plane of the sky near to which the Sun and all planets lie. Try seeing Mercury with your naked eye at sunset in the west-north-west sky.

Thu 12

— The Hubble Space Telescope (94" in diameter) is scheduled to be launched from the Space Shuttle Discovery.

-Ganymede and Callisto, outermost of the four Galilean moons are east of Jupiter and are easily seen with binoculars. Watch Callisto (outermost one) again on April 21, it is now west of the planet, and see it moving inward the following nights.

Fri 13

— Mercury stands about 19 degrees above the western horizon at sunset, and sets about 2 hours later. It's no longer visible later in the month.

—At midnight the Moon passes 0.1 degrees north of the bright star Antares.

Sun 15

— * Comet Austin starts being in a favorable position for observing it. It is expected to be the most impressive comet since Comet West in 1976. Look for it 5 degrees below the star Beta Andromeda, 1-1/2 hours before sunrise. It shifts daily about 1 degree against the stars in late April.

Wed 18

— Moon at last quarter.

—Sun enters Aries. Note that the astrological signs are off by almost one whole sign because astrologers neglect to correct for the Earth's precession, which is a wobbling around its axis. It takes 26,000 years to complete a turn.

Sat 21

— * Peak of the Lyrid meteor shower (around midnight). Coming from the border of the constellations Hercules and Lyra, southwest of the bright star Vega. This is the oldest meteor shower recorded in history, by the Chinese in 687 B.C. It has produced spectacular displays in the past, the maximum rate being 1 per second for a few minutes. This year only 10-15 meteors are expected per hour.

Sun 22

—The Moon, Venus and Mars can be seen in the south-eastern morning sky.

Tue 24

— New moon.

* Until April 27, Comet Austin is 5 degrees southeast of the Andromeda galaxy M31 (see map at right and last month's map).

Wed 25

— The very young moon is pretty to see in the early western evening sky.

Tue 1

— Moon at first quarter.

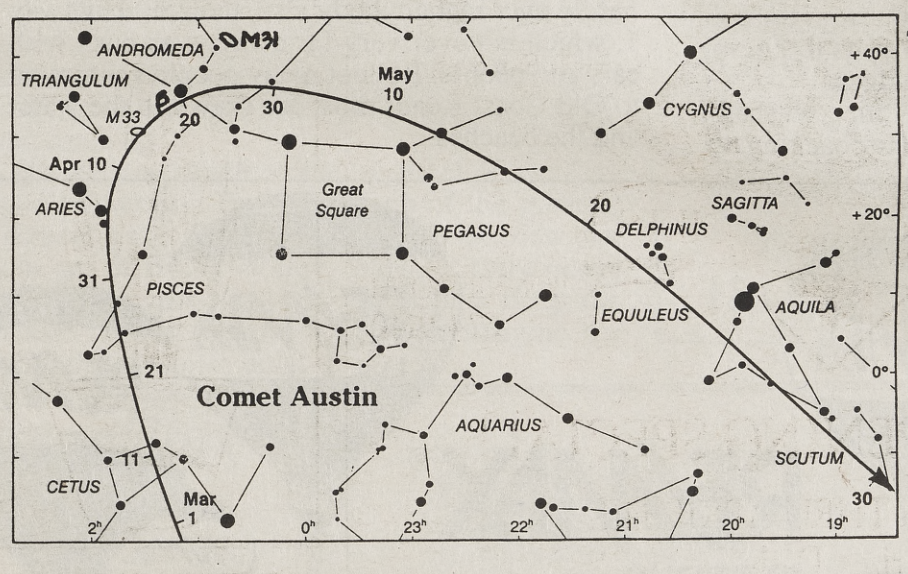
Precision Plant and Star Locator, courtesy of David Kennedal.

How to Use This Map

This is a map of the sky for April between 9 and 10 p.m. Hold the map over your head with N (north) pointing to your north. Now the map looks like the sky and you can find your way around! East and west are inverted on the map, but when the map is over your head, they are in the right direction. It's better to shine a red flashlight on the map so that you don't ruin your night vision: just cover your flashlight with red cellophane or tissue paper. With a little practice, you'll be able to read the map and find the objects in the sky without having the map overhead.

The biggest dots on the map are the brightest stars, except for the north star, which is the huge dot but, in reality, is about as bright as the stars in the body of the Big Dipper (Ursa Major). Objects other than stars (designated with an M followed by a number) are better seen with binoculars, try seeing as many as you can. The most impressive on this map are the globular clusters M13 in the constellation Hercules and M3 in Bootes, and the Beehive (Praesepe) open cluster in Cancer. This one is best seen with low power, wide field binoculars.

Comet Map



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Out and About

By Stan Hall

I grew up around horses. On learning that, many people can't understand why I'm not an avid rider today. I can understand why other people ride for fun and relaxation. But most of those who do can't comprehend why I don't share their enthusiasm for the sport.

The answer is simple: I associate horses with hard work—not sport. Like a John Deere tractor or a TrueTest shovel, I associate them with jobs that you've got to do but don't want to spend any more time at than you have to.

Nobody ever asked me why I don't plow the back 40 acres for recreation, or patch holes in open irrigation ditches just to get a little exercise. But quite a few people out here in the Valley, learning that I grew up in West Texas when horses were a way of life, keep asking me why I don't want to go for a little canter with them.

The reason is I don't raise cattle any more; that's when you particularly need a horse. I don't raise irrigated wheat, either, so I use a John Deere and a shovel about as often as I do a horse—which is hardly ever.

What brought horses to mind was a little excursion my wife and I took a couple of weeks back. We went down the coast and drove that portion of the Old Coast Road that still exists. Before Highway 1 was completed in the '30s, it was the only land link between Big Sur and Monterey.

Imagine having to ride a horse—or even worse, a buckboard or wagon—over that rugged, up-and-down country. About a 50-mile trip, the first settlers must have had to push their animals very hard to be able to complete it in a day. But imagine how much better it was to ride than to walk.

I do appreciate the utility of horses—how much they can help man. When you really need a horse, hardly any thing else will do.

On our drive, we had the benefit of 125 horses under the hood of my little Blazer. Even at that, it huffed and puffed a little pulling some of those grades.

What's left of the Old Coast Road cuts inland from Highway 1. It runs from the north end of Bixby Bridge to just above Andrew Molera State Beach. It carries you from the cool darkness of redwood shaded canyons to glaring wind-swept vistas on top of the ridges.

Up and down, up and down. From cool shadiness to hill-top sunshine, and then back again. Over and over. The road painstakingly winds its way up the side of a ridge, and then plunges down toward another deep canyon. Twisting, then turning. Climbing, then descending.

Sometimes the curves are so sharp you feel as though you are going to meet yourself coming through them.

BIXBY BRIDGE, seen from Old Coast Road, is a marvel of engineering and beauty.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

On this lovely, sunny, Sunday morning, we hardly ever met anybody else, though. Highway 1, which is never very far away, was busy with cars and people. But not many people venture on to Old Coast Road; most are drawn to the water and the beaches.

They don't know what they're missing. This 10-mile stretch of washboardy history takes you through two distinct worlds. One is awash in light, the other bathed in shade. On the top of the ridges, what vegetation there is is squat and windblown. In the canyons, the growth is lush—fragile ferns and towering redwoods and all the plant sizes in between all jammed together.

These separate worlds are just a few hundred yards apart at most. But the distance is measured mostly vertically, not horizontally. In the canyons, there's water—enough to gurgle quietly toward the sea at this time of year. On the slopes, it's dry. Most surfaces are so steep that any rain that falls on them spends hardly a minute soaking in before it rushes on down the hill.

On our trip, we stopped to examine the wildflowers that were just opening up. It's

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frustrating to move to a new area and not know all the plants. But there's also satisfaction in learning about a new inventory of growing things.

We were in no hurry, so we also stopped to look and listen at the streams as they burbled over the rocks on their way to the sea. At the Little Sur River, the new leaves of the sycamores overhanging the stream were so pale that with the sun shining, it looked like you could read this newspaper through them.

While we were stopped and Isabelle was taking pictures, I let my imagination run. Was that the rattle of distant hooves on the hard, granite outcropings? Is that the squeak of saddles, the groan of buckboards and the squeal of axles, dry of grease, that are going to fail before those poor folks get even halfway home?

I know this stream can at times turn into a dangerous torent. But now it's quiet and small after four years of drought. I certainly didn't see anything on this trip that would make me take significant heed of the signs at each entrance to the Old Coast Road: Impassable When Wet.

Suddenly, real sounds replace imagined ones. A small covey of top-knot quail are running-flying across the road, their distinctive three-note call urging stragglers still in the woods to hurry and catch up.

There's so much to see, so much to hear, so much diversity. But surely one of the greatest treats of a trip along this old road is the view that you get of Bixby Bridge. With an azure ocean behind it, you can truly grasp how deep the chasm is that it spans. Can you imagine the work that it took to build it?

The bridge was opened Nov. 27, 1932. With the help of it and numerous other engineering marvels along the Monterey County stretch of Highway 1, the Old Coast Road became mostly obsolete.

Fortunately, 10 miles of it still exists, serving as a reminder of the time when everybody who didn't want to walk had to depend on four-legged transportation. If you pause often to look, the trip takes about an hour by car. I recommend it.

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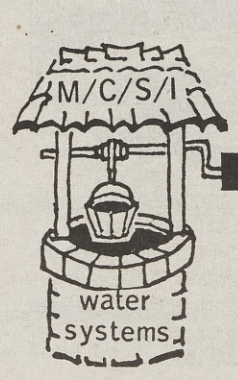

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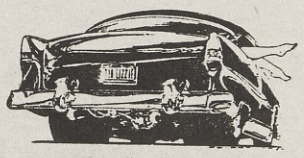

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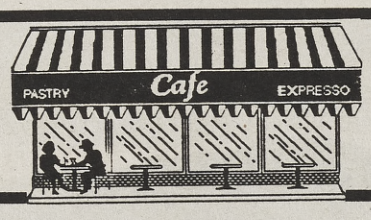

The Covey

If it weren't for the ducks cruising overhead to land on the picturesque pond, the frogs croaking in the night, and the fact you are in Carmel Valley nestled under the San Carlos mountains, you might be in one of the top restaurants in New York, San Francisco, Chicago or Los Angeles.

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On a recent visit, My Friend and I had a dinner of the calibre and creativity that brought back memories of memorable meals in Toronto, New York and Washington, D.C. Surely one of the pleasures of dining out is the reminiscences evoked by good food.

There are many choices here—from Malossol Beluga Caviar to Scottish smoked salmon and a Castroville artichoke with hollandaise sauce for starters—plus that day's selections of oysters in a tangerine and ginger vinaigrette and Calamari steak.

I was tempted by the Calamari, so unique to the Monterey Peninsula, and it proved a good choice. The tender steak was delicately grilled to a golden crust, topped with sections of pink grapefruit and a sprinkle of fresh chives. It rested rather majestically on a sour cream sauce spiced with a hint of pasilla pepper and flecked with simmered sorrel leaves. I could have ended the meal with the starter and been perfectly satisfied.

Typical of the attentive service was the waiter who brought me out a plate of fresh sorrel leaves to examine after I inquired what the vegetable was in the sour cream sauce. The waiters and busboys melt into the dark wood walls, watching the dining room almost as carefully as Secret Service agents scan the crowds around the President, yet managing never to intrude. This is an art.

MF liked his salad of dark green sunflower sprouts, assorted baby lettuce like we see springing up in Carmel Valley, red oak leaf lettuce and a delicate avocado dressing. An orange nasturtium sat on top. I enjoy the color contrast and the bitey taste of these flowers which grow wild in our garden.

His swordfish Italianne was grilled to a fine line between slightly rare and just cooked and topped with a pungent sauce of sun dried tomatoes and basil. The vegetables, which in too many restaurants today seem to be a "set piece" of underdone, overly oiled "baby" produce, were a real treat.

Complementing the swordfish were green beans that looked like they had been cooked Southern style but were still crunchy, a portion of barely cooked Spinach and an incredibly rich daub of white and green fettucine in a cream sauce.

After the Calamari, I found the Veal scallopini I had ordered more than I could handle so I brought most of it home. Not the chef's fault but my own. The little I tasted was carefully sauted and served with an unusual sauce of capers and sun dried tomato.

I was, frankly, more interested in the vegetables on my plate for here is a chef with the imagination of a Japanese Buddhist, seemingly capable of satisfying anyone's palate with just vegetables. There was a small bulb of roasted fennel, sweet and tender and redolent of licorice; small, lightly steamed broccoli flowers; and a sweet little mound of Gnocchi, an Italian-style dumpling of whipped potatoes, flour, eggs, cheese and a smidgen of nutmeg.

Could we go on? Well, I had to sample the Grand Marnier souffle. I have enjoyed this dessert in some of North America's best restaurants to the point where I consider it almost the mark of a superior chef to even offer one, let alone pull it off correctly. And, I believe the presentation is also important.

There was time to finish a glass of Talbott chardonnay and a cup of French Roast coffee while that little souffle puffed up in the oven.

It was brought to the table in its classic French individual baking dish, risen about an inch over the rim with a barely crunchy orange crust.

The waiter boldly burst the crust to let the steam rise so he could spoon in the creme anglaise sauce from its silver sauceboat.

Creme anglaise deserves to be served from a silver sauceboat when it is to be floated on top of a hot souffle.

The Covey dining room at Quail Lodge overlooks a manmade pond with a fountain. *Sun photo by John Anderson.*

The delight of this dish, which must be ordered in advance, is taking a bite of the lighter-than-air hot souffle and pouring on a bit more cool vanilla sauce each bite. Pure decadence. The Covey's souffle was about as good as I have eaten, even to the slivers of orange zest that punctuated the eggy confection, and perfectly served.

Chef Bob Williamson is responsible for the culinary delights while Manager Tony Deak runs a good dining room (the

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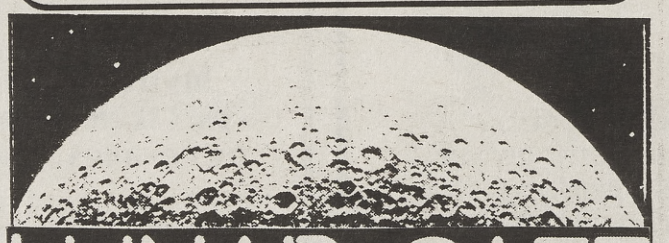

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Ambulance *Continued from front page*

Hospital and Rio Road, are staffed by the California Division of Forestry.

Dowd, who sits on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Regional Council and is chairman of one of its subcommittees exploring alternative financing, said the strongest sentiment for trying to save no-fee emergency service is in Carmel Valley, Big Sur and Mid Valley.

The other agencies in the region—like the three other EMS regions in the county—seem resigned to charging medical patients for emergency ambulance use. The other regions opted to hire professional ambulance firms which charge emergency patients under the fee schedule set by county supervisors. Those regions, too, must depend on subsidies from county Measure A funds to make up the difference between what victims pay and the overall cost of providing service.

If alternative financing is not found, Carmel Valley, Mid Valley and Big Sur will in all probability hire professional ambulances service firms too.

Even if that should occur, Dowd and Larry Busick, a member of the Carmel Valley Fire District board of directors, said that the volunteers in the fire departments still will respond to emergency medical calls and usually be the first help on the scene.

As "first responders," they will do what they can to alleviate pain and suffering, applying BLS until paramedics arrive to take over and transport the victim to the hospital, if necessary. But the volunteers would no longer carry patients to the hospital.

Dowd, Busick and others in the volunteer movement are plagued by two worries should professional firms take over that responsibility:

1. Since medical emergencies make up about 70 percent of all calls to fire departments in the region, will volunteers be as eager to respond when they do not know whether it's a fire or a medical emergency to which paramedics also will be speeding?

2. If residents are charged for emergency medical transport to the hospital which traditionally has been "free," will the community support the local fire departments as strongly both emotionally and financially as it has in the past? Will it become harder to recruit new volunteers and raise donations?

"We don't like to charge when we're using volunteer help," said Busick. "We hope to figure out some way to pay for it (the paramedic service) and still not have to charge."

Initially, the largely volunteer fire departments in the region looked at creating subscription services where residents, for a nominal fee per year, would help subsidize the higher costs and not have to be charged individually when they had to use the service.

But that idea was essentially discarded when officials began to realize how much administration would be required to determine who had paid and who had not.

The more likely strategy would be to ask voters to tax themselves through approval of a so-called benefit assessment. Funds generated by that tax would be used to provide no-fee emergency ambulances to everyone living in the benefit assessment district.

Dowd and Busick estimated that it would take an annual assessment of about $25-$30 per residential parcel to pay for paramedic-staffed ambulances in the Carmel Valley fire district if firemen continued to serve as drivers. There are about 2,000 individual parcels in the district.

The earliest such a vote probably could be put before the voters would be the November general election. Not enough time remains to mount a campaign and get all the details in place for a vote in the state's June primary.

Dowd recalled the local fire district mounted a massive campaign and persuaded voters to approve a $50 benefit assessment for fire protection.

He is one of the staunchest supporters of trying to maintain non-fee ambulances, but even he shakes his head at the thought of asking voters to approve another tax on themselves. "I don't know whether we'd want to go through that again or not," he said.

Red Cross Reluctantly Gives Up Ambulances

Reluctantly, the Carmel chapter of the Red Cross is getting out of the ambulance business after a half a century.

The local board voted to donate three ambulances it has been loaning firefighters in the region to those fire districts once paramedical-staffed ambulance service goes into effect.

Lynnette Balesteri, the local chapter's manager, said the national organization no longer was willing to provide liability insurance after the introduction of upgraded service because at least some of the fire districts using the ambulances will charge victims.

In recent years, the local Red Cross has budgeted $20,000 a year to provide the ambulances that firefighters, many of them volunteers, used in providing no-fee to the victim service. Of that figure, $10,000 was earmarked for maintenance and repair and $10,000 went into a fund to purchase replacement vehicles.

Local Chairwoman Phyllis Crockett said the board is now searching for some service that it can provide in place of the ambulances that will bring as much benefit for $20,000.

"I appreciate their effort," said one volunteer fireman in the Valley, "but that $20,000 bought so much benefit I doubt that they can find anything that will even come close to it even if they spend 10-times as much."

There is no way that alternative financing can be in place by July 1, the start of the new fiscal year when officials from the districts in the region hope to have a Joint Powers Authority ready to begin administering upgraded ambulance service.

People in the Carmel Valley district needing emergency ambulance service after that date will be charged for it—at least for some interim period.

Many people do have health insurance which pays some or all of the cost of emergency ambulances. Medicare, for instance, pays the total cost.

But fire officials estimate than about one-third of the people needing emergency ambulance service in the region can not pay for it. Those people still will be served, and the cost absorbed by the various districts, they said.

If alternative financing is arranged at a later date, it would be used to pay for people who have no insurance and to make up the difference between what an insurer or other organization pays and the total cost.

"Why should people in Carmel Valley and the volunteer firemen out here subsidize big eastern insurance companies and even the federal government?" asked Chief Gary Charmichael of the Mid Valley fire department. He was playing the devil's advocate, voicing an argument often used by those who favor giving up on no-fee ambulances and turning the service over to paid, private companies.

But to many residents, that would be a sorry day—and not just because of the costs that individuals using the service would face. It also would mark another step in the transition of the region from a rural and even remote land to an increasing urbanized one.

The Covey (continued from page 16)

the bar is equally pleasant).Starters range from $7 to $9 ($55 for caviar). Soups are $4 to $6; salad $5, or $13 for the Caesar or Spinach salads for two. Entrees are $18 to $25—and there is a Spa Cuisine with low calorie, cholesterol and sodium content from $19 to $25. Desserts are $4 to $7. Dinner only.

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Young CV Man Seeing World on a Shoestring

By Carolyn Rice

John Van Zander has a goal: to travel around the world. At age 22, this Carmel Valley man has made a good start toward achieving it.

His most recent overseas trek took him to Thailand, where he spent a year touring and teaching English.

Previously, the tall, slender, dark-haired young man with a ready smile has traveled to Greece, Norway, France, Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium, England, East and West Germany, Italy, Turkey and Mexico.

He has interspersed his travels with studies at UC Santa Barbara and at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Now working with his father at a Monterey civil engineering firm, Van Zander plans to re-enter UC Santa Barbara next year with Asian studies as his major. He has his eye on a career in international business.

But before going back to school, he wants to add another country's stamp to his passport. "I can go to Japan and teach English for $20 to $25 an hour," he said.

Asked how he was bitten by the travel bug, his answer was simple. "The time was right," he said. "I couldn't really have this experience later in life. A career, payments and other obligations would have held me back."

In Thailand, he and his cousin, Joe Lock, bought a boat from fishermen and set off down the Mekong River on a week-long trip from Nakhon Phanom.

"We were going through a lot of little villages and the people would run out and wave to us," Van Zander said.

But after a couple of days, the "Thai Navy stopped us and kicked us off the river. They didn't want to be responsible for us." The problem was that their route would have taken them past a Laotian naval base, and the Thai navy was afraid they might be shot at as they passed, so they sold their boat to Thai soldiers and set off in a new direction.

Back in Bangkok, Van Zander taught English in a private school, with large high school classes in daytime and adult classes at night.

"Anybody who can speak English has a chance to get a much better salary," he said. That was why they were studying English; few of them wanted to travel to the United States.

Van Zander then moved to a teaching job where everyone wanted to travel to the United States, Australia, France or Canada. It was at the Phanatnikhom refugee camp, where 18,000 Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese lived in cardboard bungalows awaiting a chance to emigrate to a better life. There, Van Zander taught English and U. S. cultural habits.

"Everyone had a story to tell," he recalled. "Most of them had swum rivers, been boat people or been shot at trying to get out of their countries."

Most of the other English teachers in the camp were Thai. Each country that was accepting refugees had its own teachers there, but there were few Americans. "I felt exotic," he said.

In this job, Van Zander was paid $300 a month. He rented a room for $30 a month And bought his evening meal from street vendors for 50 cents. "In six months, I saved enough to fly to Moscow, Poland and Paris and then home," he said.

His travels wouldn't have been the same if he had set out with plenty of money, Van Zander said. "Being poor by our standards—I left with $800—my life assumed the local patterns of living in the places I stayed."

Van Zander is a 1985 graduate of Carmel High School. His mother, Madeline, teaches at Carmel Middle School, and his sister, JoEllen, attends Carmel High.

JOHN VAN ZANDER of Carmel Valley ducks down to be the same height as his students. He taught English in Thailand during his travels in the Far East.

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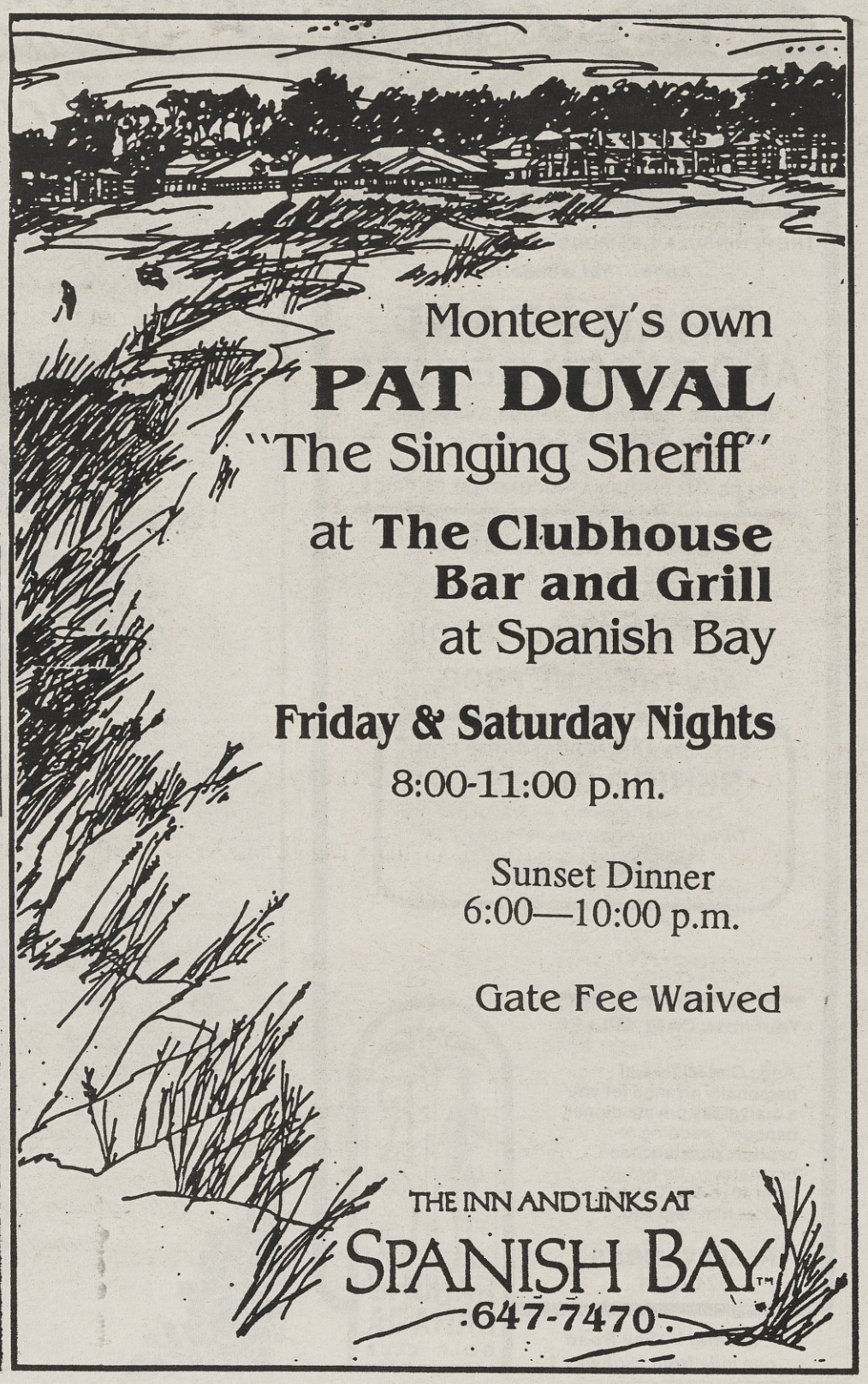

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County, State Press Illegal Grading Cas

By Stan Hall

With the state and County pressing their case against John A. Murphy, a county inspector estimated that more than 75,000 cubic yards of rock and soil were graded from the steep slopes of his Little Horse Ranch to create illegal roads.

The estimate by grading inspector Phil ·asco was contained in depositions filed e and county lawyers in their latest neuver against the Arizona lawyer per.

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In motions filed March 9, sta county lawyers asked Superior C summary disallowal of what am Murphy's first line of defense a charges. The motions were filec Ramos for the County and its and inspection department, Deput Attorney Morgan Taylor and De torney General Peter H. Kaufmar state on behalf of the Coastal C sion.

Ramos said they asked for su disallowal because no substantial c versy existed over some issues in th But Susan Dauphine, one of Mu lawyers, told the *Sun*: "While we ha thoroughly reviewed their motio definitely disagree. There are many dispute in the case."

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With a Store-Bought Salmon

Supporters Make Case for Dam

Using a salmon purchased from a market as a prop, two self-proclaimed old timers waded in the shallow Carmel River to demonstrate support for speedy construction of a proposed Los Padres dam.

"If we had a dam in place to provide a steady, year-round flow of water in the river, we wouldn't have to be trying to attract steelhead with a jerry-rigged fish ladder," said Joe Noto.

Noto, a retired dentist and unsuccessful candidate for the Water Management District board of directors last November, was referring to an unsuccessful effort to attract ready-to-spawn steelhead up a temporary ladder at the mouth of the Carmel River.

Because of the drought and increasing demands for water, the river has not flowed to the sea since 1987, blocking the migration of young fish to the ocean and the return of adult fish to their spawning grounds.

Outfitted in his waders, fly rod and his fishing hat, Noto stood in water that barely reached his ankles under Schulte Road bridge on March 23 and declared: "We need to get on with construction of the Los Padres dam. All these other ideas are just getting in the way. We don't need any more new ideas."

Noto was joined for his "media event" by Dave Saunders. He had intended to have Bill Theis, a founder of the Carmel River Steelhead Association, join him, but Theis had to take his wife to the doctor, Noto said.

"Why does it have to take 10 to 15 years to build a dam?" Noto asked. "I don't think it has to. What we need to get it accomplished is a benevolent dictator."

Noto told the two reporter-photographers who showed up: "We're just a couple of old timers who hope that some time before we die we'll have the chance to fish the river for steelhead again."

He dismissed the proposed off-stream Canada Reservoir proposal, saying it would take too much electricity to pump the water from the river up into the hills. "Besides, I suspect the soil there would be dangerous to build a dam on. I certainly hope they find some kind of fatal flaw so we can quit wasting our time on it."

As for the cleaned, 18-inch salmon that Noto and Saunders somehow had hooked on a line, Noto said they had just bought it from Sea Harvest fish market at the Crossroads.

"Let's get it back in the ice chest," Noto told Saunders at one point. "There's $40 worth of fish there."

Noto said he checked with the state Fish & Game Department before bringing the fish into the river. "I told them I had a fishing license, but they still told me I couldn't have a line with a hook on it."

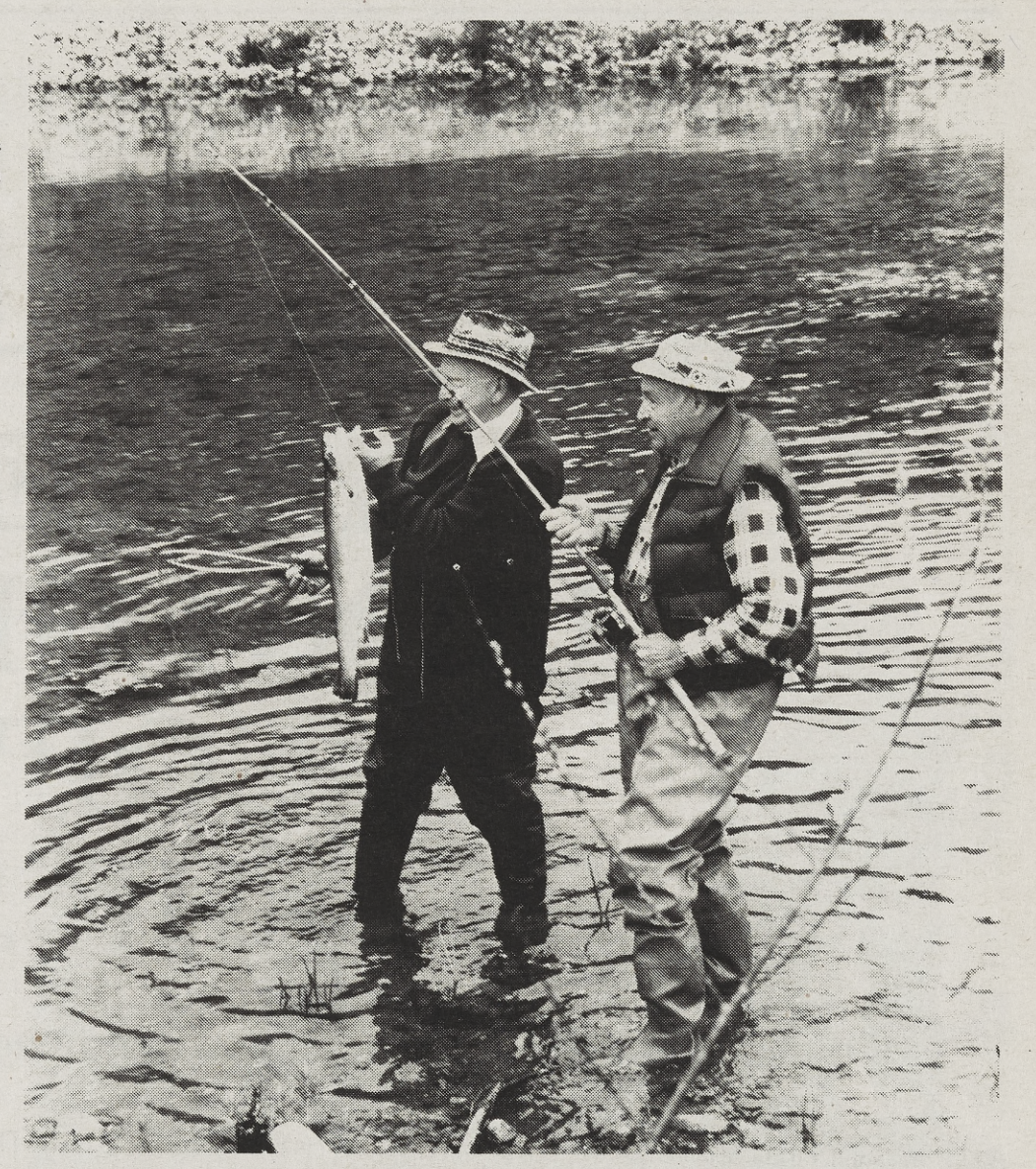
Dave Dettman, the Water District biologist who oversaw the fish ladder experiment, chuckled softly when told of Noto and Saunders' demonstration.

"Well, you know, they've got the right idea. I appreciate what they're trying to do."

With the right management, water from a dam could help restore healthy runs of steelhead to the river, Dettman said.

Land Trust Selects Officers

New Officers of the Big Sur Land Trust are President Douglas Despard, Carmel Valley; Vice President Lloyd Jones, Palo Colorado Canyon; Treasurer William Doolittle, Carmel; and Secretary Rod Mills, Carmel Valley.



DEMONSTRATING FOR A DAM are Dave Saunders and Dr. Joe Noto. These self proclaimed old timers staged their show to appeal for speedy construction of a dam so they can catch fish in the Carmel River again and not have to buy them from a market. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

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Business Briefs

A handsome new addition to the Carmel Rancho retail scene is **Vessey Drugs.** Located on the south side of the complex housing **Albertson's,** the new 10,500 square foot store is owned by **Robert and Sally Vessey** of Pebble Beach. Their original drugstore has been in Aptos since 1961. The gleaming new store was put together by manager **Steve Burton** who said the next step will be to break through the wall to add another 3,000 square feet on the right for a section that will feature basic and educational toys. **Robert Vessey** is a pharmacist.

Jim and Jill Sleeper of **Mail Boxes, Etc.** at The Crossroads are still pinching themselves over winning top national awards at the national **Mailboxes, Etc.** convention in Las Vegas March 16. Their Crossroads store won the national award for top gross sales and beat out 1,200 stores nationwide for highest sales of packaging and shipping goods. It also was honored for being the top store in its region which covers the Pacific Coast from King City to north of Santa Rosa. In the past 3-1/2 years, the energetic **Sleepers** have produced 16 stores, the latest to open is in King City.

Rita Seger has opened **RSVP**, a boutique featuring women's apparel "with a twist"—such as hand-knit sweaters, lace skirts and leather handbags. Her shop is on Dolores, near **Bud's Pub** in Carmel.

In the Village, **Nelson Foreman** said he's adding take-out black bean soup to the **Running Iron's** list of yummies due to popular request. Ever since he served the soup at the **Village Affair** back in January, **Nelson** said he's been getting requests from folks who want to take some home. Now it's possible—in 16 or 32 ounce containers.

Randy and Charlene Randazzo entertained about 115 customers at an open house March 23 to mark the completion of extensive renovations at their **Carmel Valley Market. Randy** told the *Sun* he "cooked up 250 hot dogs and we served 40 pounds of potato and macaroni salad, about 30 pounds of cake and eight gallons of juice." The open house was so successful he is thinking of a repeat in November when they will celebrate 18 years in business in the Village.

Sue Peccianti of Carmel Valley is now working fulltime as a sales representative for **AB Dick Company**, a leading press and graphic arts supply firm. With 15 years experience in graphics arts and printing, Sue's territory includes Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

Also new on Carmel Rancho Boulevard is **Nancy's Cheesecakes,** featuring 10—count 'em—different flavors. Nancy's husband, **Bill,** bakes the cheesecakes in their Salinas store.

An interesting new service in the area is **Screenmobile,** featuring a specially outfitted trailer that allows the construction or reconstruction of screens, windows, doors and such to be done right at your place. **Larry and Desiree Bell** are the owners, and they also cover Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

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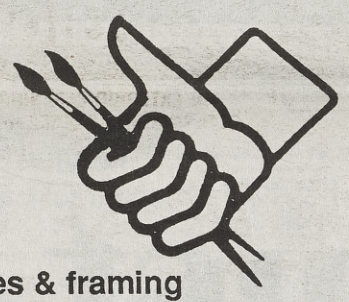

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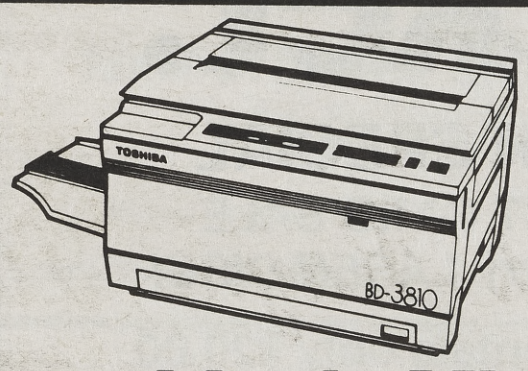

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Valley Doings in 1949

Several copies of the typewritten, mimeographed *Carmel Valley News* crossed our desk recently. Published by Barbara and Ed Haber (owner of Quail Lodge), the news was distributed free each Saturday to all residents of Carmel Valley. Founded in 1946 with an address given as Carmel Valley Route, the paper's phone number was listed as 37-R-11.

Mail delivery in the Valley was one of the topics under discussion in 1949. "A survey is now being made to determine the number of people here who are interested in a rural mail route," the article began. "By this we mean, mail to your home rather than to a P.O. Box as the Robles del Rio residents now have. Carmel Valley Route residents will remain the same with the added advantage of having their packages and registered mail delivered to the house rather than picking it up in Monterey as they now do."

The mail carrier job, if the Carmel Valley route was put into effect, was to pay $115 a month plus auto expense. Were the route to be extended, the pay would go to $175 a month plus mileage.

In Carmel Valley Village, a fire station and volunteer fire department had been under discussion since 1948. A new fire department had been under discussion since 1948. A new fire truck had been purchased in November of that year.

Milt Kastor was appointed Acting Fire Chief along with Assistant Chiefs Dean Wolter and Ed Mayfield. The fire station was to have 25 volunteers and a simple structure was planned which at first would house only the equipment with rooms for crew to be added later.

In February 1949, the new firehouse was dedicated, the flag was run up and a gathering including about 50 children got to ride the new $15,000 bright red truck. "With siren screaming the engine moved down the Valley roads at what we thought was a good pace. Leading all the way was Mrs. Park's dog, Patsy. And, so the truck was stopped and the dog got aboard, the children giggled, and the dog wagged its tail. Such is life in Carmel Valley."

Other 1949 developments in the Valley included the founding of the Women's Club, "an extension of the Carmelo Home Department." The first temporary board members were Mrs. R. Stoney, Mrs. J. Cox and Mrs. Clyde Zumwalt.

The Airway Market, in operation for nearly two years by Clarence and Elaine Castro, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Jones in 1949. The Airway Village also included the Airway Pharmacy, the Airway General Store, the Grapevine and the Beauty Spot. An ad for the Airway Market listed fresh fryers at 69 cents a pound, picnic ham at 59 cents a pound and ground beef at 55 cents a pound.

Businesses advertising in the Carmel Valley News included Kip's Food Center in Carmel, the Salty Nook and Pacific Mutual Fish Grotto on Fisherman's Wharf, Holman's Department Store, and live theater at the Golden Bough in Carmel.

In the Village, you could take ballroom dancing lessons from Gina and Him at the Jimmy Caldwell house in Robles del Rio, with lessons for boys and girls at only 25 cents per person. The White Oak Inn offered accommodations for overnight and permanent guests, and the Carmel Valley Inn announced it was open all year round.

The Carmel Valley bus left the bus depot daily at 7 a.m., 12 noon and 4:15 p.m., with a 5:15 departure Saturday afternoon, announced an advertisement by Joe's Coffee Shop in Carmel, while Balzer's, Carmel's Department Store, offered S&H Green Stamps with your purchase.

In 1949, the classifieds advertised oak fireplace wood for $12 a tier, a 1941 Royal Chrysler coupe with 50,000 miles was for sale, the price wasn't listed, but you could call 22-R-1, and Joe Hitchcock did auto top trimming, canvas work, patio furniture, leather work and made mail bags.

An editorial quip noted the misspelling of "El Cuartel" as "El Quartel" on a newly designed stamp and remarked, "We're too lazy to look this up (in the Spanish Dictionary) but they tell us this compares quite favorably with some language recently used by President Truman."

Joe Hitchcock, in one of his regular columns—this one on brotherhood — noted, "In our Valley and also most of Monterey County, we had people from many foreign countries as well as natives of other states who came here to carve a living out of the virgin soil, the rocky cliffs and the wooded mountains. That necessitated many craftsmen to fulfill the needs of the struggling pioneers. There were no Pharisees here—they needed one another and all must help and work hand in hand."

Such was life in Carmel Valley in 1949.

Editor's Note: "Yesteryears," a column about local history, is written under the auspices of the Carmel Valley History Society. The group meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Esquiline Road. The public is welcome.

Unusual Events to Mark Earth Day in Area

The many Earth Day 1990 observances being planned by the active environmentalist community in the area range from a recycling promotion by the Monterey Bay Aquarium to a traditional Indian celebration high in Tassajara which may be telecast around the country.

Tom Nason, an Indian who operates Windows to the West in upper Carmel Valley, said he had been contacted by officials of Turner Broadcasting Network interested in telecasting from his recreated village. Details still have to be worked out, Nason told the *Sun*.

Nason's celebration will include a traditional sweatlodge for purification ceremonies and special programs for women and children.

At the Aquarium, lectures, including one on the greenhouse effect, will be held as part of the 20th anniversary observance of the original 1970 Earth Day. On April 22, the aquarium will give free admission tickets to the first 5,000 people who bring in a large grocery bag filled with recyclable newspapers, glass, plastic, tin or aluminum.

The Sierra Club and a number of other non-profit environmental groups will hold a street fair on Alvarado Street in Monterey on April 21 and stage a similar observance at Toro Park on April 22.

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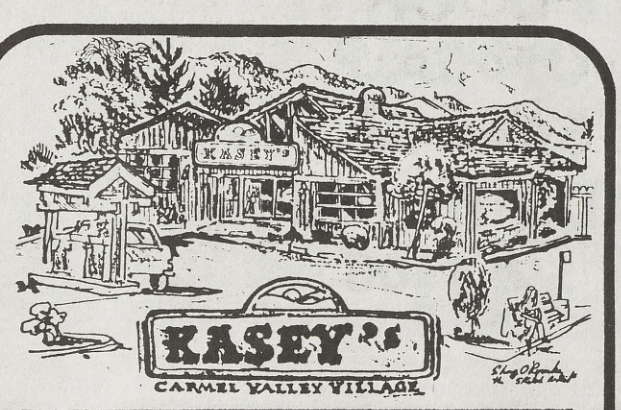

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PLANNING THE SILENT AUCTION to benefit students at Carmel High School are chairwoman Mary Kaye Watts and food co-chairs Phyllis Lewis and Michi Takigawa. Sponsored by the Padre Parents' Club, the auction will be held April 28 at the Carmel Youth Center from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 apiece or $20 per couple. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and the items up for bid include a trip to Hawaii, golf at Pebble Beach, paintings by many local artists and overnight stays at Stonepine, Highlands Inn and other lodges. Tickets may be purchased in advance by mailing a check to Carmel High School, P. O. Box 222780, Carmel, 93922, attention: Silent Auction. They also will be available at the door.

Easter Egg Hunts in C.V.,Carmel and Monterey

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Recreation Department along with the youth center and Mission 200 Lions Club will hold an Easter Egg Hunt April 14 at Carmel Middle School on Carmel Valley Road for preschool through 2nd Grade children.

Carmel Valley Fire Department in the Village is having its Easter Egg Hunt at 1 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 15, at the fire department for children up to nine years of age.

The City of Monterey will hold its 20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at El Estero Ball park next to Dennis the Menace Park for tots through 3rd grade children. It is cosponsored by the Sheraton of Monterey, Valu-Max, KMBY Radio and the city's Recreation and Community Services Department. The Carmel hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. and the Monterey search at 10 a.m.

Participants in all hunts are reminded to bring their own baskets.

Horse Show Set April 12 -14

The Monterey Springfest-American Saddlebred Horse Show, held in conjunction with booster clubs of local high and junior high schools, will be held at the Monterey County Fairgrounds and Exposition Park April 12 to 14.

The show marks the return of American Saddlebred competition to Monterey after a 10-year hiatus. It will feature 350 horses from eight Western states. Nearly 100 events will be performed during performances at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily.

All proceeds will benefit the booster clubs of Monterey Bay Area schools.

The Lodge to Host 70th Dog Show, Trials

The Del Monte Kennel Club's 70th All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial will be held at The Lodge at Pebble Beach May 12 with 600 blue ribbon winners and champions competing.

Called "The Classic of the Pacific," the show will feature more than 100 breeds. Carmel's Derek Rayne, celebrating his 50th year as an AKC judge, will head a panel of AKC judges and will select the Best in Show.

More than 100 breeds will be represented in the show which will be held on the lawn in front of The Lodge. Judging in the conformation and obedience rings will start at 9 a.m. Variety group judging will begin about 3 p.m. and the Best in Show choice announced about 5 p.m.

Demonstrations of two ways that dogs serve man will be held during the noon break. Top sheepdog handler Danny Hoag from Corral de Tierra and his Border Collies will demonstrate sheep herding techniques. There also will be a "Hearing Ear" dog and handler demonstration.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Hearing Ear Dog and Shatter Silence projects of the Quota Club of Carmel. Admission, which includes Del Monte forest gate entrance fees, are $10 for adults and $5 for children.

Little League Play to Swing into High

There's still time to make your pledges and plan to attend the Batathon being held April 7 to help raise money for the Carmel Valley Little League.

It starts at the Little League park on Paso Hondo at 8:30 a.m. and is a major part of Little League's fundraising effort for the year.

After time out for spring break, both major and minor league Little League play will swing into high gear April 16. Ceremonies officially marking the opening of play will be April 21.

Here are the schedules for the remainder of April and the start of May:

Major League

April 16, Falcons at Volunteers; 17, Indians at Cougars; 18, Lions at Tigers; 19, Falcons at Cougars; 21, Tigers at Indians (12:30) and Volunteers at Lions (2:30); 23, Falcons at Indians; 24, Cougars at Lions; 25, Volunteers at Tigers; 26, Lions at Indians; 28, Falcons at Tigers (12:30) and Volunteers at Cougars (2:30); 30, Tigers at Lions; May 1, Indians at Volunteers; and May 2, Cougars at Falcons.

Minor League

April 16, Toros at Hornets; 18, Broncos at Wolfpack; 21, Cubs at Toros (8:30), Wolfpack at Pirates (9), Hornets at Broncos (10) and Royals at Twins (10:30); 23, Cubs at Twins; 25, Toros at Wolfpack; 28, Royals at Hornets (8:30), Twins at Broncos (9), Wolfpack at Cubs (10) and Pirates at Toros (10:30); 30, Royals at Wolfpack; and May 2, Twins at Pirates.

All games without listed starting times begin at 5:30. The *Sun's* May 2 issue will carry further schedules.

Women Poets Reading in Pacific Grove at the Portofino Cafe

The Potpourri Poets—four Carmel Valley women and two from Monterey—will be back for a return engagement April 18 at the Portofino Cafe in Pacific Grove.

The reading features a medley of literary styles, a blend of "subtlety and spice," according to one of the Valley members, Laura Bayless. The poets last read at the cafe in January.

Bayless is the 1989 First Place Winner for light verse in the Poetry Shell. Other members of the group are Illia Thompson, a former columnist for the Carmel Valley Sun and author of the book, "Moments;" Cecelia Bayes and Jean Bennett of Monterey; and Cindra Brinsmead and Millie DiMitri of Carmel Valley.

There will be an admission charge for the 8 p.m. reading.

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Home Sales

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from March 12 to March 27. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sales prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

Lower Carmel Valley

25434 Telarana Way. Donald E. Vermeil to Prudence & F. Bruce Michels. $250,000.

28225 Robinson Canyon. Richard P. & Jacqueline M. Maynes to Elizabeth L. Sheridan. $477,000.

Hacienda Carmel. Patricia J. Trevvett to John C. & Jean S. Loveday. $150,000.

3495 Edgefield Place. Gordon D. & Marianne C. France to Brooke B. Lewis. $405,000.

26650 Rancho San Carlos. Richard D. & Marquita B. King to Robert J. McKinstry, Jr. $507,000.

8430 Carmel Valley Road. Stephen J. & Helen M. Spence to Mojtaba Tavakolian & Nasimeh Mohamadpour-Jasem. $400,000.

25889 Carmel Knolls Road. Harold R. & Kathryn S. Apger to Robert P. & Wendy B. Holmes. $350,500.

9917 Club Place Lane. Frank L. Jr. & Carolyn G. Crist to Ray F. & Betty M. Myers

26264 Paseo Del Sur. Stycott Investments to Bent P. & Agnete Jensen

Upper Carmel Valley

Sleepy Hollow Drive. Lowell W. & Vera Morse to Nicholas J. & Carol W. Spencer. $350,000.

Tassajara Road. Gerald G. Byrne to Pricilla Higuera. $125,000.

33 Lilac Lane. Brenda N. Balanda to Louis A. Spagna. $310,000.

21 Encina Drive. Barbara A. Butler & Beverly L. Riggs to Robert D. & Mary M. Cushing. $600,000.

White Oaks Lane. Fred J. & Joan Carvell to Thomas A. & Karin M. Camilli. $335,000.

38 Paso Hondo. Gloria Miller to Curtis W. & Debra S. Burks. $225,000.

41900 Carmel Valley Road. B.B. Tuthill to Lloyd & Kaffia Eads. $127,500.

Carmel

4903 Monterey St. William E. Himmelmann IV to Alan E. & Pamela S. Schmeiser. $349,000.

2nd Avenue. Julius H., & Barbara A. Mueller to Eddi-Rue McClanahan. $400,000

2nd Avenue. Eddi-Rue McClanahan to Michael Franzblau. $400,000.

Santa Rita St. Kathie Von Meir McKenney to Frederick M. & Sharon L. Slabaugh. $556,000.

8th Avenue. Western American Exchange Corp. to J. Jerome Moiso. $440,000.

Greater Carmel

26488 Mission Fields Rd., Carole L. Normand to Peter A. & Barbara J. Baird, $178,000.

3251 First Ave. Jennifer M. Grist to Dave Mar, Inc. $270,000.

2644 Walker Ave. Dave Barrow & Barbara A. Bilof to Charlene Fruchter $490,000.

2610 Santa Lucia Ave. Shepherd Development Corp. to Glenn D. Littenberg & Carol J. Thrun $600,000.

24400 S. San Luis. Eddi-Rue McClanahan to Julius H., III & Barbara A. Mueller. $600,000.

South Coast

Corona Road. Sandrine & J. Michael Belanger to Richard & Kathy Denier. $565,000.

Palo Colorado Canyon Road. Rick & Cheryl Eastin to Virgle L. & Susan A. Alexander. $124,000.

(In its March 21 issue, the *Sun* reported a sales price of $373,500 for 2650 Ribera Rd. On rechecking, it was learned that the deed was for a 100 percent transfer, but only partial transfer tax stamps were affixed, so the full selling price was not indicated.)

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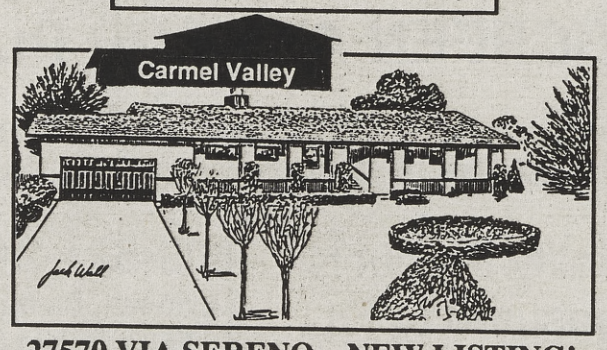

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Real Estate Outlook

Escrow: More Than Meets the Eye

By Lisa Estep
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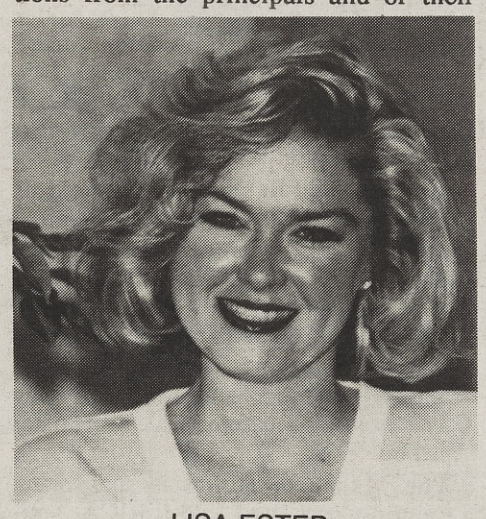
Many people believe that when purchasing or refinancing real estate properties the act of going through escrow is a mere formality, something rather routine. Although sometimes stressful and inconvenient, escrow is looked upon by the non-professional as something that is taken care of by their Realtor and escrow officer and that "all escrows get closed one way or another." Many times this is the case. The escrow is handled by competent professionals who understand the process and meet all the requirements in a timely manner in order to close on time. But if the parties involved, including the principals, don't have a clear understanding of how escrow works, there can be problems. Some people who seem quite sophisticated in real estate matters don't understand the process of escrow as well as they think they do and this can lead to problems in communication. In dealing with these matters on a daily basis the escrow professional is trained to help prevent problems in escrow but help is needed from the other parties involved.

In this article I will try to provide an insight into not only what goes on during escrow but *why* it happens the way it does. First, I'll discuss what escrow is and the role of the escrow holder in that process. then, we'll go through the chain of escrow on a general basis and give some insight on what goes on and some things to remember.

Essentially, escrow is a service which provides a means of protection in the handling of funds and comments. Escrow enables the buyer and seller to transact business with each other through a neutral party, thereby minimizing their risk.

In the escrow, all parties involved give their instructions to this neutral intermediary, the escrow holder (usually an escrow officer at a title company), whose duty it is to assure that no funds or property will change hands until all instructions have been carried to completion.

Herein lies a very common misconception. Many people believe the escrow holder to be responsible for taking control of the transaction and closing it. To the contrary, the escrow holder takes instructions from the principals and or their



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agents and assembles them into a format for the parties to endorse. It is the responsibility of buyer and seller to deliver information as to the agreement of the transaction to the escrow holder (purchase price, closing date, loan commitments, etc.). Your escrow holder is only as good as the information he or she is provided.

The escrow begins when two parties reach an agreement on the transfer, sale or lease of real property. At this point escrow is opened, usually at a title or title insurance company, and the escrow period starts. At this point, it is a good idea to sit down and go over the terms of the agreement with your escrow holder. This provides them with much of the information need to construct the escrow documents.

The next step is for the title company to initiate an escrow search and provide a preliminary title report. This report shows the ownership of the land, together with liens and encumbrances thereon which would not be covered by a subsequent title insurance policy. Items which frequently appear on preliminaries are things like outstanding liens on the property, property taxes, utility easements, etc. It is important to note that the preliminary is not a warranty, only an offer to issue title insurance. From the preliminary report all items are disclosed which need to be paid off prior to the close of the transaction.

At this point in the escrow the principals or agents are hopefully working diligently on their duties as per their agreement. Examples of these duties are: originating new financing for buyer: ordering termite reports and other property inspections; and arranging for water retro-fit requirements. Anything which takes place which involves a bill to be paid or a credit or charge to be assessed to either party pertaining to the contract must be communicated to their escrow holder.

Usually about 30 days prior to close of escrow any loans on the property which are to be paid off prior to closing are dealt with. The escrow holder orders payoff demands which indicate the loan balance due at closing. There is generally a charge for issuing demands by the financial institution which carries the note, so it is important for the parties involved to instruct the escrow holder as to when to order the demands. This is one aspect of escrow that is frequently overlooked by the principals and taken care of by the quality escrow officer. However, a much more efficient result would be for the agents or principals to control this step, for they have a better feel for the solidity of the escrow. For if demands are issued they must be paid, whether the escrow closes or not.

As escrow nears closing, buyer's new loan documents arrive and escrow instructions are drawn. Loan documents are very important instruments and must be endorsed in their original form immediately. This is because of the fact that there is an expiration date on the documents and to redraw loan documents is costly and time consuming. Another reason time is of the essence is because the loan documents must be sent back to the lender so that a funding package may be put together by the lender. This process can take several days. It is easy to see why failure to receive or execute loan documents could result in a delay in close of escrow. Always sign these documents well before close of escrow. Problems with loan documents are the most common reasons for delays in closing.

After all loans have been signed and fire insurance is secured, funding takes place, the escrow is closed and funds are dispersed.

A word about closing the escrow: strict regulations are set forth with regard to recording and holding funds. All title companies in Monterey County record closings at 8 a.m., so the recording package must be ready by the previous afternoon to be checked and prepared. Also, depending on what medium is used for funding (cashier's check, wire of funds, personal check, etc.) funds must be held by law for anywhere from one day to over one week for check clearance before recording. For further details on this consult your title company.

As you can see, there is more to an escrow than meets the eye. It is only through a clear understanding of the escrow process and effective communication with your escrow people that problems and misinterpretations can be prevented. If you have any questions regarding escrow and title insurance, your title company can provide you with answers.

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Events

The Carmel Valley Community Church Guild Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m., April 11 at Fellowship Hall, Paso Hondo & Village Drive, the Village. Guest Speaker is Violet Beahan.

Dr. Tom Bishop will lecture on "The Heart of Parenting No. 5" at the Crossroads Room, 7 to 9 p.m., April 4. 624-8110.

The Monterey Bay Cage Bird Club will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m., April 14, Hilltop Center, 871 Jesse St., New Monterey. A talk on macaws will be followed by a "chili bake-off" potluck. 730-2210.

All Saints Episcopal Day School in Carmel Valley will hold its 3rd annual Spring Auction, a major fundraiser, April 29 at Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club. 624-9171.

An advanced school for certified tennis umpires and those interested in becoming tennis umpires will be held April 7 at 3850 Riok Rd., Carmel. Call 626-1114 or 624-1281.

Eve Delunas will discuss "Putting Your Life in Balance" at the Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula, 6:45 p.m., April 17, Community Room, the Crossroads.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula will hold classes to prepare child baby sitters for child care duties, April 10-11, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., $40. 646-4644.

Junipero Serra School will hold its annual fashion show benefit luncheon, 12:30 p.m., April 8, the Sheraton Hotel, Monterey. $20.

Carmel Valley Garden Association will hear Bill Grant speak on "The Gardens of South Africa and Australia" at its April 12 meeting, 8 p.m., St. Dunstan's Church, Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel. 695-4637.

The Volunteer Center of the Monterey Peninsula will hold its Volunteer Faire 1990, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 14 at Del Monte Shopping Center, 373-6177.

Dr. Ellen S. Kester will speak on Dietrick Bonhoeffer, a leader of the Ecumenical Movement in Europe, at a free lecture 7 p.m., April 11, All Saints Episcopal Church, Ninth and Dolores, Carmel.

The Leonardo Piano Trio will perform at Sunset Center Theater, Carmel, 8 p.m., April 6 in a concert presented by the Chamber Music Society of the Monterey Peninsula., $10. 625-2212.

The World Traveler film series will present "Americans in London" at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., May 4, Sunset Center. $5. 624-3996.

CPR classes will be offered 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 7 by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. $20. 625-4708.

The Monterey Recreation Department is sponsoring Western Dance Classes at the Youth Center, 777 Pearl. For information, call 646-3873.

Church Women United will have a program on the community service program, "We Care," carried out by prisoners at the Soledad Correctional Facility, at its April 6 meeting, First Methodist Church, Sunset Drive at Seventeen Mile Drive, Pacific Grove.

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and the American Diabetes Association are offering a lecture, "Managing Diabetes in the 1990's," 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 21, the Cislini Conference Room. 424-7908.

Monterey Peninsula Choral Society will presents its spring concert April 20-21 at the Monterey Conference Center and a benefit concert April 28 at the Church of Religous Science, Franklin & Pacific Streets, both at 8 p.m., $10. 649-5561.

The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. will meet 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., April 9, Crossroads Community Room, featuring the Traveling Collection of Needlework from its national headquarters in Louisville. 375-4986.

The annual Elephant Faire of the Carmel Republican Women will be held at Mission Ranch Barn, Dolores Street, Carmel, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 7. Proceeds are for scholarships for students. Donations will be accepted April 6 from 9:30 a.m. on 649-0657.

Carmel Middle School will hold its annual Fifth Grade Parent Orientation April 18, 7 p.m., Carmel Middle School Library.

Assemblyman Eric Seastrand and the Monterey County Farm Bureau are cosponsoring a seminar with the California Highway patrol for area ranchers, King City fairgounds cafeteria, 1 to 5 p.m., April 6.

The March of Dimes is sponsoring a Central Coast WALKAMERICA April 22 to help fight against birth defects. Starting points will be in three locations for the 20-kilometer walk from Monterey, Santa Cruz and Salinas. 373-8482.

The Carmel Music Society presents pianist Bryan Verhoye at Sunset Center, 8 p.m., April 7, $20. 655-0117.

Ruling Clears Way for Continued CV Building

A state appeals court has upheld a ruling that dismissed a lawsuit which could force the Board of Supervisors to halt construction in Carmel Valley if it succeeded.

The issue centers on how much traffic uses Carmel Valley Road and how that traffic is counted under provisions of the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

Virginia Merz, who was a full-time local resident but now only spends some of her time here, brought the initial suit claiming that the Board of Supervisors illegally changed the traffic monitoring standards. In a ruling in February, 1989, Judge Richard Silver dismissed her suit on grounds she had not exhausted all administrative remedies.

The 6th District Court of Appeals upheld Silvers' ruling in an opinion filed March 28, concurring that neither she nor her lawyer attended the supervisors meeting but had ample notice of it.

Mrs. Merz's attorney, Richard Rosenthal, asked if he intended to pursue a further appeal, acknowledged that the chances of the California Supreme Court hearing the case were slim. But he said he had not made a final decision, not having thoroughly read the appeals decision or discussed it with his client.

Monitoring of traffic levels on Carmel Valley Road was required by Silver when he released the Carmel Valley Master Plan in 1987, and Mrs. Merz was a plaintiff in a challenge to the Master Plan ruling as well.

Under Silvers' 1987 ruling, the county must stop issuing building permits for Carmel Valley if traffic exceeds certain levels on Carmel Valley Road.

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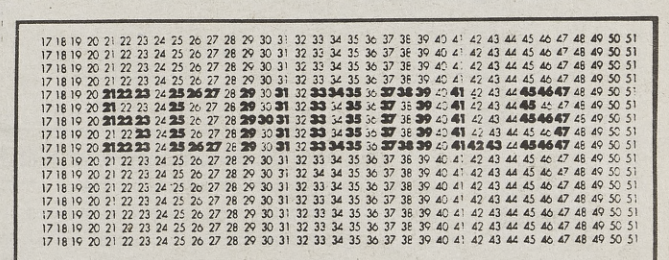

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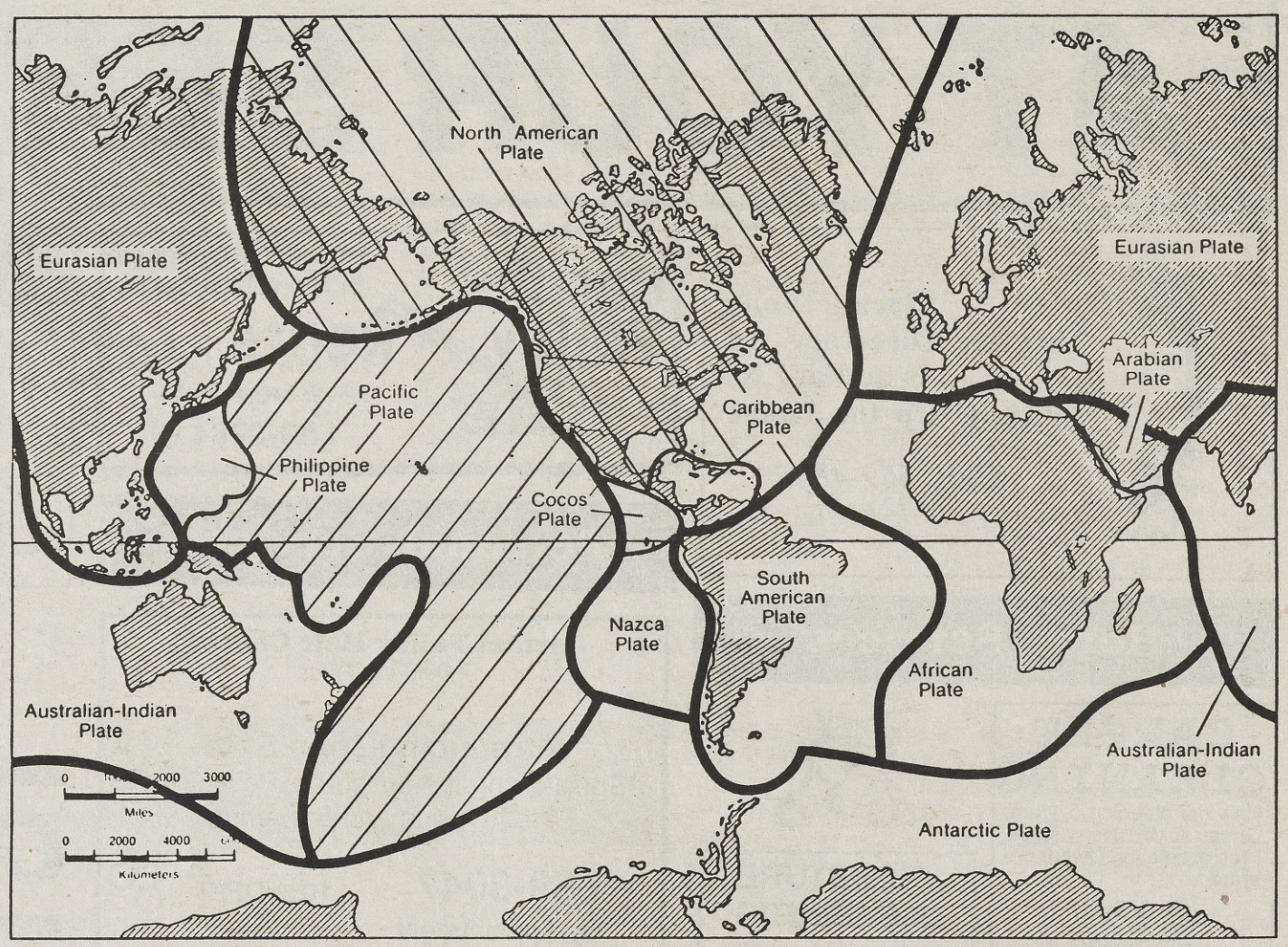
"People seem to be more aware of the need for earthquake information and preparedness," said Cindy Nakai, fire prevention officer at the Highlands volunteer department, "and we're going to do our best to take advantage of that this year."

The month-long promotion is sponsored by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. As part of it, Highlands firemen will distribute informational coloring books to school children, host the students from Bay School for a visit to the fire station and provide emergency information to residents through three homeowners' groups—Meadows, Highlands and Mal Paso. Highlands' activities are typical of those conducted during the month by most fire departments.

In a flyer entitled "Beat the Quake," Californians are urged to find in advance the safest place in their home to be during a quake—usually a hallway unless it has objects on the walls which could fall off. They are also encouraged to learn the location of shutoffs for water, gas and electricity into their home and how to operate them.

The Emergency Office's flyer contains information on drawing up a family emergency plan in case of a big tremor and an emergency supply checklist of items residents might need. Fire departments have copies of the flyer.

But residents are urged not to stop their emergency planning with their families. "Know your neighbors and their skills; you may be able to help each other after an earthquake. Also know where to go to help your community after a disaster. It may be days before outside emergency assistance arrives. It is important to help each other."



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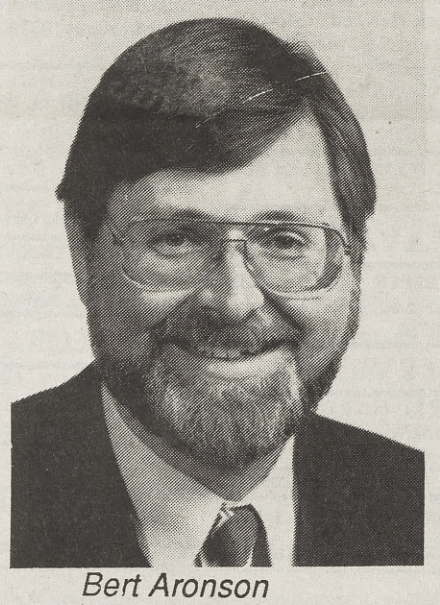

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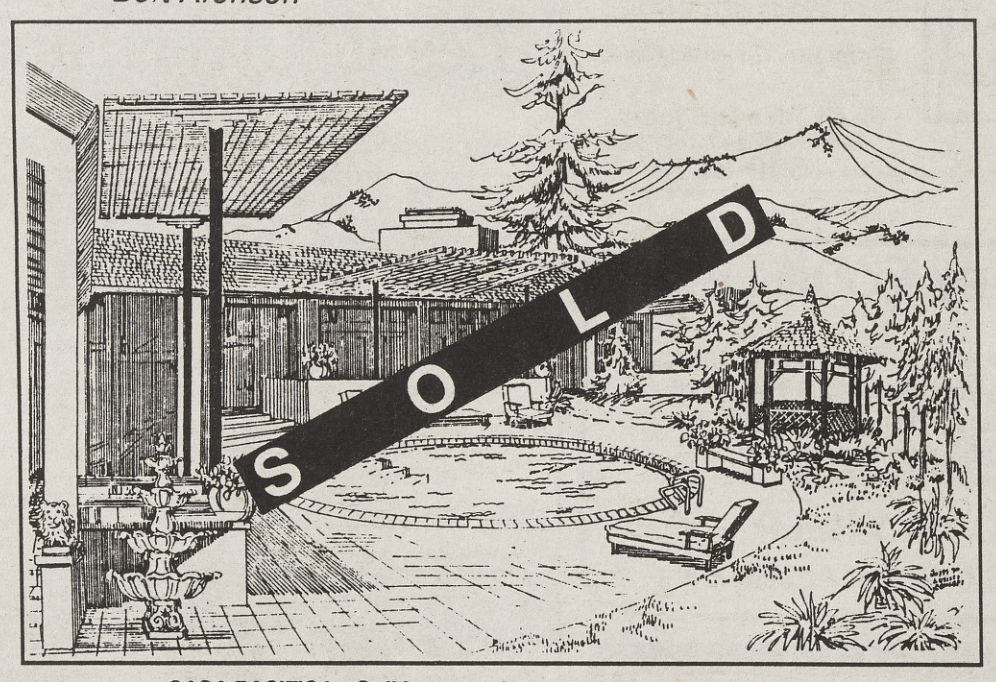

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